

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, November 5, 2018

Present: Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Joey Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Karyn Page, Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager, Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Jordan Leonard, Clerk; Kriscia Palacios, Clerk.

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Caleb Coltrane, Garver

Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and second by Mr. Greenlee to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

Highest passenger traffic for a September in Airport history was recorded last month, with a 5.6% increase from last year.

On November 9, a Shocker Watch Party will be held at The Hudson sponsored by the Airport. The party will help benefit Kansas Honor Flights and help pay the costs for sending veterans to Washington, DC.

NASA Boeing Super Guppy will arrive in Wichita on November 11. Yingling Aviation will be hosting an event for the arrival in the afternoon.

Last Kansas Honor Flight for the year will arrive on November 9. This will be flight #67 and will arrive approximately at 12:05 PM.

Conversations with interested parties who want to get a statue of Eisenhower for the terminal are continuing. Members of the Eisenhower family are also involved in these very early talks.

A meeting of the Incident Family Support Team (IFST) was held in the terminal last week. If any Board Members are interested in joining the group, just let me know.

The Airport is joining the Aviation Workforce Alliance, which is a new group of other airports and airlines who are concerned about the pilot shortage and which is searching for solutions. A future lack of airline pilots could have devastating results for all airports, but mostly for small ones.

Project Updates

John Oswald presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the progress on the new hangar for Doc the B-29 Superfortress, which will be open to move the Aircraft into within the next couple of weeks. There is still work to be done before it will open up for the public, which is expected sometime in January.

Applications have been submitted to ask the Federal Aviation Administration to try to receive discretionary funds for the General Aviation Apron project and the runway rehabilitation project.

Other Business.

Motion by Ron Ryan, second by Charles Fletcher, that the Wichita Airport Advisory Board Recess into executive session to discuss legal matters with the attorney present. The Board will return from executive session no earlier than 4:00 p.m. and reconvene in this boardroom.

The Airport Advisory Board recessed for Executive Session at 3:35 p.m

The Airport Advisory Board reconvened at 4:10 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, December 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. by Mr. Fletcher, 2nd by Mr. Bonnell.

Jordan Leonard, Clerk