

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, December 3, 2018

Present: Ron Ryan (Chairman), Charles Fletcher (Vice Chairman), Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Karyn Page, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; 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
Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle

Vice Chairman Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Rosenberg requested a small change to the minutes of the November meeting. Motion by Mr. Wooten and second by Mr. Fletcher to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

Monthly Tenant Luncheon is taking place on Thursday, December 13, 2018, at The Doubletree Hotel, starting at Noon. Unlike other months, this will be a plated lunch – confirmed attendance is required.

Christmas music is back at ICT as the Airport welcomes 19 musical groups to play and sing Christmas songs throughout the month of December. A detailed schedule is on the website.

Paul Davis arrived at 3:10pm

On Saturday December 8, the EAA will be holding its Annual Christmas Breakfast with Santa from 7am until 11am at Jabara Airport. Santa will be arriving between 9:00 – 9:30am in Eagle Med's helicopter.

October has been a successful month for both Airports; an increase of 5% in passenger traffic compared to last year. Eisenhower fuel sales are up by 6% and Jabara's fuel sales are up 14%.

Revenue from rental cars has increased 15%. Air Cargo is up 10%. Retail concessions and Food & Beverage sales are up 6%.

The FAA has acknowledged the grant applications that were submitted in October to request discretionary funds for several Airport projects. Additionally, letters signed by both Senators and Congressmen from all districts in the state were submitted to the Secretary of Transportation and the Acting FAA Administrator in support of our grant applications. Also, the President & CEO of Textron Aviation and the Vice President & General Manager of Bombardier Learjet submitted letters of support.

Chairman Ron Ryan arrived at 3:14pm

No movement on the Customs General Aviation federal inspection facilities remodel since we are awaiting more information from Customs and Border Protection. At Bombardier's request the first part to expand the ramp for larger planes has been completed. Currently in the process of hiring an architect for the project.

The contract with the Broker for Real Estate Marketing has been executed. The first meeting with NAI Martens and the Director is on December 4. Previous meetings and facility inspections have been held with Traci Nichols. Marketing brochures have been prepared and are in final review by the Director.

Potential tenant in the works for the currently vacant building at 1935 Midfield. The building is move-in ready and the lease is being finalized this week with the tenant possibly moving-in around the first of the year.

Karyn Page arrived at 3:17pm

In the gate area of the concourse, you will find new graphics and promotional items for Airbus which highlights its engineering services which are conducted in Wichita. The advertising space in the baggage claim area that has been occupied by Airbus will be relinquished soon and Clearchannel Airports is looking for a new advertiser for the space.

Doc completely moved out of McConnell into the new hangar recently, however the opening date for public viewing is still unknown. Bricks are for sale in an effort to raise additional funds. Small bricks are \$200, larger tile-size bricks are \$400. About \$115,000 raised so far, \$800,000 more needed to make it STEM compatible.

More details will be provided in a future WAAB meeting regarding some proposed Parking rate adjustments as well as re-naming the Close-In Automated lot. Staff is looking into the best roofing option for the top floor of the parking garage that will be budget friendly for the Airport and convenient for passengers.

Project Updates

John Oswald gave a structured presentation regarding the Airport Projects that will benefit from the Discretionary Funds, if awarded. Congress set aside One Billion dollars for small airports or small hub airports, of which \$200 million has already been awarded. The Airport submitted three applications for the remainder of the billion dollars for either Fiscal Year 2019 or 2020 and took a very aggressive approach to request \$38,500,000 for the General Aviation Ramp Reconstruction project, \$7.4 million for the Runway 1L/19R center keel section pavement project, and \$8.7 million for the Taxiway E project.

His presentation also highlighted Activities, Projects, and Tenant Projects that were completed in 2018.

Other Business.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, January 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:56 p.m. by Dr. Rosenberg, 2nd by Ms. Page.

Kriscia Palacios, Clerk