

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 3, 2021

Present: Charles Fletcher (Chairman), Tim Bonnell (Vice Chairman), ShaQiyla Banks, Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr. Kelly McElroy, Karen Page, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Deidre Cronk, Special Projects Contractor; Belinda Dome, Properties & Contracts Analyst; Linda Turley, Capital Project Administrator; Elizabeth Anderson, Secretary; Leah Gisick, Airport Clerk

City Staff: Erik Houghton, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Caleb Coltrane, Garver

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and a roll call was conducted. There was no call for public agenda due to the meeting being conducted virtually using Zoom, allowing only current members to attend in person if preferred.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ron Ryan and second by Tim Bonnell to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

Victor White announced his official retirement as Director of Airports for the City of Wichita, as of June 25, 2021.

ShaQiyla Banks joined using Zoom at 3:08pm.

The project budget approval for construction of a Jabara taxiway goes before the City Council tomorrow along with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant application agreement. The Board of Bids will also be awarding the bid for construction for this project at the beginning of the council meeting.

We have received several grants from the FAA including The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) act and The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA). Another grant, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has not yet come in, but is expected some time this month. We anticipate around \$8,000,000 based on the

previous grants. The funds can only be used for Airport operation and maintenance expenses, debt service, and for safety related expenses having to do with Coronavirus.

We have received complaints that there are not enough taxicabs, Ubers, and Lyfts available for passengers flying in. A possible reason could be that drivers are concerned about having strangers in their car due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have heard that it is also possible that due to unemployment benefits being higher, as well as stimulus checks, some are making more money by not driving and choose to remain on unemployment.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) extended mask wearing requirements for Airports and Airlines until September 13, 2021. The requirement to wear a mask outdoors at Airports also continues until the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issues a new order.

TSA has postponed the implementation date for the Real ID drivers licenses until May of 2023.

Valerie Wise mentioned that April traffic was down 34% from 2019 but up almost 1100% from 2020. Southwest will be suspending the Phoenix and Las Vegas routes in June. Frontier is adding a third weekly flight to both Denver and Las Vegas in June. Allegiant resumes their Orlando route on May 26th and they begin a route to Los Angeles on June 3rd.

The 2021 Airline Quality Rating report, researched by Dr. Headley with the Wichita State University, provides a ranking of Airlines based on the number of customer complaints received. The top 10 ranking were: Southwest, Allegiant, Delta, Alaska, Spirit, Jet Blue, American, United, Hawaiian, Frontier.

Due to the increase of passengers, food/bar and retail concessionaires have reopened most of their facilities in the terminal. All restrooms and water fountains are now open and more bottle filling stations are being installed.

Brad Christopher mentioned that we are working on reopening the Park and Ride parking lot. It could take 45-60 days to hire and remobilize the staff necessary to open it. We are targeting the middle to end of June for restarting the service.

Karen Page joined using Zoom at 3:18pm.

Leasecorp has had four hangars for sale for over a year. Intrust Bank has now stepped in as the secure lender and has taken over all financial obligations for these hangars. Intrust Bank has multiple interested buyers for these hangars and we should have more information by next month regarding who the purchasers will be.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Update – Linda Turley

Linda Turley shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Airport's DBE program. The Airport receives federal funds for design and construction projects. To receive those funds the FAA

requires that these projects include business opportunities for small companies that are socially and economically disadvantaged.

Project Updates– John Oswald

Mr. Oswald shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding current and future projects happening at the Airport.

Other Business:

The next WAAB meeting will be held virtually on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. by Charles Fletcher, second by Ron Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Leah Gisick, Airport Clerk

Appointee	Representing	Appointment Expiration
Jonathan McRoy	Mayor	3/31/2022
Karyn Page	City Council – District I	3/31/2022
Charles Fletcher	City Council – District II	3/31/2022
Paul Davis	City Council – District III	3/31/2022
Dr. Thom Rosenberg	City Council – District IV	3/31/2022
Joey Ellzey	City Council – District V	3/31/2022
Dwight Greenlee	City Council – District VI	3/31/2022
Ron Ryan	Sedgwick County – 1 st District	3/31/2021
John Hennessy, Jr.	Sedgwick County – 2 nd District	3/31/2021
Tim Bonnell	Sedgwick County – 3 rd District	6/30/2021
Shaqiyla Banks	Sedgwick County – 4 th District	3/31/2022
David Eslinger	Sedgwick County – 5 th District	3/31/2021
Kelly McElroy	REAP Representative	3/31/2022