

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, September 13, 2021

Present: Charles Fletcher (Chairman), Tim Bonnell (Vice Chairman), ShaQiyla Banks, Paul Davis, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Jr., Jonathan McRoy, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan

Airport Staff: Scot Rigby, Interim Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Jean Zoglman, CFO; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties Manager; Elizabeth Anderson, Secretary; Leah Gisick, Airport Clerk

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: KSNW News

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.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Tim Bonnell and second by Ron Ryan to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Scot Rigby and Brad Christopher:

The Jabara Airport Layout Plan (ALP) discussed at the August WAAB meeting will be presented at the September 28th council workshop. This will be informational only, keeping the City Council informed. The ALP will also be presented to the County Manager and Commissioners at their request. Engineers are currently working on a design for the cul-de-sac which will allow for the 43rd Street vacation, referred to in the ALP, to go through. A meeting has been setup with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) to discuss cleaning up our zoning within the airport. We will also visit with both the City of Bel Aire and the MAPD regarding the zoning areas impacted by Jabara.

Recruitment for the open position, Director of Airports, has closed. The initial set of interviews should take place within the next few weeks. Charlie Fletcher, Tim Bonnell, and Karen Page will all be serving on the selection committee.

Traci Nichols is going to Las Vegas for the National Business Aviation Association conference (NBAA) in October. Scot Rigby will also be attending along with Council Members Bryan Frye and Becky Tuttle and Commissioner Pete Meitzner.

Last Wednesday the Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) had its monthly Tenant/Security meeting virtually with the tenants. Andrew Crane with Guiding Paws, who spoke on the public agenda last month, was present and gave a presentation regarding how airlines can best deal with support animals.

On Saturday, September 25th, the remains of Fr. Emil Kapaun, an Army chaplain during World War II and the Korean War, are returning to Wichita. His return will be handled similar to the returning of all veterans' remains, including an escort for the hearse and a water cannon salute.

Saturday, September 25th is also Ortega Aviation Services Girls in Aviation Day. Events will include Airport tours, along with visiting Yingling and Doc's hangar.

The next Honor flight arrives Friday, September 17th around 1pm.

On Saturday, September 18th, The Experimental Aircraft Association will be having their 58th annual Air Capital Fly-In. This will take place on the Clemens Aviation ramp.

Air Service Update – Valerie Wise:

Ms. Wise shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding air service. The fourth quarter of 2021 is expected to have 30% more flights and 33% more seats than the fourth quarter of 2020.

Concession and Staffing Trends – Jean Zoglman:

Ms. Zoglman shared a PowerPoint presentation with the latest concession and staffing trends. For rental car companies, while gross revenues as a whole are lower than 2019, revenues per deplaned passenger have risen 26%. Gross revenues as a whole for food and gift concessionaires are also lower than 2019, but have risen 3% per enplaned passenger. The Airport currently has 115 employees with 11 more currently being recruited or in the hiring process.

Project Updates – John Oswald:

Mr. Oswald shared a PowerPoint presentation showing updates on current projects. A Pavement Condition Inventory was done during 2020 per FAA requirements. Jabara runways averaged 93 out of 100. The Eisenhower pavements averaged 74 however both parallel runways were undergoing reconstruction and were therefore excluded.

Other Business:

The next WAAB meeting will be held in-person with virtual participation available on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:52 p.m. by Paul Davis, 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	3/31/2023
John Hennessy, Jr.	Sedgwick County – 2 nd District	3/31/2023
Tim Bonnell	Sedgwick County – 3 rd District	3/31/2023
Shaqiyla Banks	Sedgwick County – 4 th District	3/31/2022
David Eslinger	Sedgwick County – 5 th District	3/31/2023
Randy Frazier	REAP Representative	3/31/2022