

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, November 1, 2021

Present: Charles Fletcher (Chairman), Tim Bonnell (Vice Chairman), Paul Davis, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Jonathan McRoy,

Airport Staff: Scot Rigby, Interim Director; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Jean Zoglman, CFO; Manager; Leah Gisick, Admin Aide II; Jill Darge, Airport Clerk

City Staff: Eric Haughton, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Lonnie Wright
KSNW

Vice Chairman Bonnell 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 Dwight Greenlee and second by Joey Ellzey to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Scot Rigby:

Scot Rigby, Council Member Bryan Frye, Council Member Becky Tuttle and Commissioner Pete Meitzner attended the National Business Aviation Association Conference October 14 – 16th. The prospects they met with were eager to discuss business across the country and they are ready to move forward with new projects. Council Member Bryan Frye asked if there were any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars specifically earmarked for Airport Projects. Scot stated that there were and that he would need to work with our consultants and others to identify what those dollars are and how they would be used.

The Jabara Airport Layout Plan was presented to the Bel Aire City Council. The council supported the plan and directed their staff to work with ours. John Oswald is leading the effort to develop criteria for protecting airspace as well as planning development.

The City Manager has secured commitment from Jesse Romo who is the current Director of the Manhattan Airport to become the new Director of Airports for Wichita. He had been the Director of Aviation for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and then went to work with the Manhattan Airport. His 1st official day will be November 29th.

FY 2022 Budget Airline Rates – Jean Zoglman

Enplaned passengers and landed weight activity are down 13% from the amount budgeted in 2019. The Airport originally projected being at 65% of the 2019 budget but has actually achieved 70%. Landed weights for Signatory carriers are 80% of the 2019 amounts, whereas non signatory carriers are at 126%. We are seeing a seven percent increase in expenses versus what was budgeted for 2021. The biggest component is getting back to full staff as demand rises. We received the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES), Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and (ARPA) grants. We are applying those funds against the expenses so that we can help manage the rates with the airlines.

As part of our ticket counter study, we are trying to get a passenger profile to determine what is needed and if we can address the ticket counter capacity issue without expansion. We are doing the same study with the cargo apron to see how we can improve our processes and be more efficient as our cargo activity rises.

Other Business – Scot Rigby

We have been meeting with the Planning Department to discuss receiving notification requests on potential development proposals. This would not just be on Airport property but more particularly property surrounding the airports. This is about increasing notification to the Airport Authority regarding potential off-Airport development that may impact airport activities. This would allow the Airport an opportunity to respond whether to support or reject the proposal.

The next WAAB meeting will be held in-person with virtual participation available on Monday December 6, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. by Charles Fletcher, second by Dwight Greenlee. Motion carried unanimously.

Jill Darge, 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