



MINUTES  
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY  
BOARD  
Monday, May 2, 2022  
3:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board (WAAB) was held at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 2173 Air Cargo Road and via a virtual format.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Fletcher, Tim Bonnell, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Ron Ryan, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, ShaQiyla Banks, Marco Alcocer, Jerome Cottner, Jonathan McRoy

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jesse Romo, Director of Airports; Brad Christopher, Asst. Director of Airports; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Don Dearmont, Airport Construction Superintendent; Jean Zogelman, CFO; Kevin Reiser, IT Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties Manager; Jill Darge, Admin Aide II; Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney; Paul Davis, Lonnie Wright

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Jill Darge took roll call. Charles Fletcher called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board approved the Minutes of the Advisory Board meeting held on April 4, 2022.

No public comments were received.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

- Jerome Cottner was introduced as the appointee for Brandon Johnson, District I.
- Marco Alcocer was introduced as the appointee for Mike Hoheisel, District III.
- A federal judge has struck down the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) mask mandate on public transportation. However, the security directive from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has not been officially rescinded but our staff is not enforcing the mandate. Signage and public service announcements have been removed from the terminal in regard to face masks. It is an airline's prerogative to require masks in their aircraft. The CDC is likely appealing the decision of the federal judge.
- Marketing Services agreement with Greteman but was tabled but the City Council (acting as the Wichita Airport Authority) on a 4-3 vote. Additional discussions with the Mayor and Council member Blubaugh regarding the Airport's marketing strategy will occur to allow for it to be brought back for approval.
- Average weekly enplanement increased 405% over the same periods in 2021 and 1193% over 2020. Enplanements are down 12% compared to 2019. Flights have been full with an average load factor for the week at 90%. Second quarter 2022 seats are expected to be down 15.6% compared to the same quarter 2019. 2022 third quarter capacity is scheduled

at only 1.6% below same quarter in 2019 and 13.8% above the same quarter in 2021.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

Don Dearthmont presented the following project updates:

- Streetside pavement project was bid in April and Pearson Construction was the low bidder. Project will begin in June with completion in December of 2022. It will impact several roads and parking lots on Eisenhower and also include part of south Jabara repairing cracks and resurfacing.
- Jabara airfield project started today involving Snodgrass Construction doing repairs to runways and taxiways and overlays to the T- hangars concrete pavements. The wind cone and the segmented circle will be relocated to get away from the runway area.
- ICT Aviation Fuel Storage & Distribution project should be completed by the first of June. The new control building is being constructed. Late delivery on the building materials caused change from a steel building to a brick building and should be done around end of July.
- General Aviation Apron project was awarded to Pearson Construction. The administrative notice to proceed was issued April 22, 2022. Notice to proceed for on-site construction is expected on May 23, 2022, with a completion date of November 20, 2023.
- There have been discussions with the City and KDOT to do enhancements to the entrance area along Eisenhower Parkway and Kellogg. KDOT has not committed any funds but are looking at rehabilitation of the flyover portion with the City doing the majority of the work. Work will probably take place sometime next year as it will take some time to get things developed.
- Board Member Hennessy asked what the land that the City sold was going to be used for and who bought it. Airport staff does not know the detail but understand it was purchased by the landowner to the east.
  - It was brought up in a council meeting that the City should dedicate the land sale funds for beautifying the entrance to the airport.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A landscaping contract for Eisenhower and Jabara is being presented to WAA on May 3, 2022. That contract is used for beautification and landscaping.
- Board Member Greenlee asked if relocation of the control tower was being considered by the FAA. Airport staff is not aware of any plans.
- Statistically we are doing about as expected March year-to-date on parking and food and ticketed passengers, but rent-a-car prices have gone up based on the constrained capacity.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in-person and with virtual participation.