



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 3, 2022
3:00 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present in Person: Marco Alcocer, Tim Bonnell, Jerome Cottner, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Jr., Randy Mullikin, Ron Ryan, Sierra Scott.

Present Virtually: Charlie Fletcher, ShaQiyla Banks.

STAFF PRESENT:

Present in Person: Jesse R. Romo, Brad Christopher, Jean Zoglman, John Oswald, Valerie Wise, Jill Darge, Rita Rodriguez.

Present Virtually: Jay Hinkel.

ALSO PRESENT: Karyn Page, Dwight Greenlee.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Darge took roll call. Bonnell 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 September 12, 2022.

No public comments were received.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Romo & Bonnell presented recognition awards to past board members Karyn Page & Dwight Greenlee.
- Rodriguez reported that the Incident Family Support Team (IFST) was started in 2010. It was started because the main offices of the airlines are in the larger cities. So, if an incident does happen, local support is needed until the go team from the airlines can get here. The airlines have volunteers that are on call and ready to go if there is an incident, but not immediately. Rodriguez provided brochures to everyone. Interested volunteers

should contact Rodriguez. Scott asked how many volunteers are involved and how contact is made. Rodriguez responded the team has over 50 volunteers and information is posted on flywichita.com.

- Romo reported that Collins has occupied the property at 2051 Airport Road since 1978. Airport staff negotiated a new agreement which includes an annual basic rate increase of 16%. The term is a five-year period with 3 five-year renewal options. Collins will reimburse the WAA not to exceed \$220,400 for property repairs and WAA will assume major maintenance responsibilities. The agreement is scheduled for October 11, 2022, on the WAA Agenda. The annual rent is about \$270,000. Bonnell stated that a motion is needed to support the lease. Alcocer made the motion and was seconded by Ryan. The vote passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS:

Christopher gave an Operations Report:

- WAA is conducting emergency disaster tabletop exercises with all departments to review procedures if an incident occurred.
- TSA has completed the quarterly audit which involves background checks, security threat assessments, criminal record checks, and FBI fingerprinting, all which require very meticulous records. Compliments were received regarding our system and with the police and fire crew.
- A three-week paint and rubber removal project has been completed on the four ends of the two primary runways.
- Clemens Aviation hosted the American Bonanza Society on September 24, 2022, which was well attended with 216 Bonanzas.
- McConnell Air Force Base hosted an air show on September 24, 2022. Due to the great relationship WAA has with McConnell, four tankers were parked at ICT during the event.

Zoglman gave a Financial Report:

- The ten-year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and three-year Operating budget which have been adopted were presented.
- Installation of a lactation station in the terminal, which is a federal requirement, was noted.
- Operating revenue and expense budgets meet the key financial metrics. CIP includes significant expenditures on airfield pavement, equipment, technical systems and Jabara.
- Alcocer initiated a discussion regarding supporting flight training to assist with the pilot shortages.

Oswald presented the Project Updates:

- Streets Side Project – Pearson Construction has completed the concrete work around the Air Traffic Control tower and will be replacing the concrete on the driveway.
- Eisenhower Parkway Project – Work will be done on the curbing gutter, medians, and inlets. The street light system will be replaced, and if funds are available, a landscape irrigation system would be installed. The cell phone lot would be doubled and would

provide the possibility of installing charging stations. Oswald has contacted Tesla to see if there would be interest in some type of lease and electricity could be purchased through WAA. Ellzey asked if there was any consideration for some facilities for the ride share drivers in the adjacent lot. Oswald stated that since federal funding is being used on this project that would limit who could be targeted. Another component of the project is dynamic or variable message signage installation. The City of Wichita and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will be working on repairs to the streetlight system, landscaping, and bridge repairs to the interchange at Kellogg and Eisenhower Parkway.

Wise reported on Air Service:

- The August passenger activity was up 10% - nearly 13,000 more passengers than last August. YTD passengers are up 24%.
- August traffic was 91.2% of 2019.
- There were 2.2% fewer flights and 8.8% more seats in August compared to last year.
- Aircrafts are getting larger. In Q4 2022, 51% of flights are operated by narrowbody aircraft compared to 33% in Q4 2021. 21% of flights are operated by large regional jets and 29% on small RJ's
- 71% of the seats are on narrowbody aircraft, 15% on large RJ's and 14% on small RJ's.
- The average load factor for August was 78%.
- Preliminary numbers for September indicate a strong month.
- Southwest now has three Denver flights and Las Vegas and Phoenix flights on weekends. Phoenix service will be discontinued in January but will return in March.
- Southwest Airlines network planner for Wichita was in town for the Air Show at McConnell. While here, a tour was given of the city, the WSU Innovation Campus, and the Deloitte Smart Factory, along with being introduced to members of the Chamber and Greater Wichita Partnership (GWP).
- Wise informed Southwest that the St. Louis route did not have a good connection to New York and the Smart Factory is needing better connectivity to the Northeast. Southwest was able to improve the connection to New York through St. Louis to increase performance.
- American Airlines last flight of the day to Dallas is not performing well. Changes to the schedule are being reviewed, but it takes time to get that done. Wise informed American about the increased demand for east coast service because of the Smart Factory. A third flight was added to Chicago which is exciting considering the amount of pilot shortages.

Other Business:

- Mullikin asked if the members could review their bios before being uploaded on the website. Romo consented.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2022.