



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 5, 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, Charlie Fletcher, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Jr., Randy Mullikin, Ron Ryan, Sierra Scott.

STAFF PRESENT:

Present in Person: Jesse R. Romo, Brad Christopher, Jean Zogelman, John Oswald, Valerie Wise, Chris Dotson, Jay Hinkel, Jill Darge, Katie Striegel.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Ian Martel, Dwayne Clemens.

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 November 7, 2022.

No public comments were received.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Proposal for Environmental Assessment Development Study for Jabara is being submitted to City Council for approval on the 12/13/22 meeting.
- Striegel is finishing WAAB members bios.
- Tenant luncheon at the Doubletree 12/15/22.
- Terminal is decorated and holiday music performance have begun.
- Introduction of Chris Dotson, Finance Manager.
- Clemens Aviation is requesting change to FBO status which would allow the selling of fuel to the public. Ryan made motion to approve that Clemens become an FBO at Jabara and a second was given by Fletcher. The motion passed and it will be submitted to City Council for approval on the 12/20/22 meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Wise reported on Air Service:

- In October 72,382 people traveled out of Wichita Eisenhower National Airport, an increase of 17.04% over last October. Seats were up 17.5% over October 2021. Total passengers increased 17.38%.
- Thanksgiving travel season, starting the Tuesday before Thanksgiving through the Sunday after, was at 103% of 2021 and 88% of Thanksgiving 2019. The busiest day was the Sunday after Thanksgiving with 2874 enplanements.
- Next quarter, the airlines have scheduled 3.8% more flights and 11.8% more seats than Q1 2022. American Airlines (AA) is adding more 320's (150 seats) and 737-800s (172 seats in addition to large RJS; it will not have any 50-seaters on the DFW route. On ORD route, AA is mixing some larger regional jets in addition to the CRJs.
- Alaska will resume daily service to Seattle in February.
- United is increasing narrowbodies to Denver with 838s (166 seats), 739s (179 seats) and fewer 319s (126) and 320s (150 seats).
- Southwest Airlines representatives from Network Planning, Capacity and Schedule Planning and their Regional Director were here last week. They were given a tour and had very complimentary things to say about ICT and they discussed a future destination, as well as restoring the Las Vegas and Phoenix routes.
- The Snowball Express was held on 12/3/22. The program is funded by the Gary Sinise Foundation and provides family members of fallen military hero's an all-expense trip to Disney World. A Wichita mother, son and daughter were on the flight whose husband/father had fallen while serving in the Army. Airport Police & Fire gave the departing flight a water cannon salute. KAKE news covered the event and pictures which are on our Facebook page.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Romo stated that an RFP for an Air Service Consultant has been issued. The marketing is currently split out into 2 major markets, Greteman Group provides the Creative Marketing, whose contract was taken to City Council earlier this year. Copp Media provides the Media Marketing. Copp Media has done a great job, but the contract is expiring the end of January, so a new RFP will be issued. Bonnell asked what the term length is for the contract, Wise explained that it is a 1-year term with four 1-year renewal options.
- Bonnell was contacted by Experimental Aircraft Association regarding roof repairs and asked what the process is for evaluating the claim. Romo confirmed that the Wichita Airport Authority did receive a copy of the request and a review of the contract will be done to determine responsibility.
- Romo will be presenting an annual report to City Council on 12/16/22 at 11:30 a.m.
- Discussion ensued regarding the cancelling of the January 9 WAAB meeting; it will remain scheduled until further notice.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023.

