



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 1, 2023
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: Chair Tim Bonnell, and members, Joey Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, John Hennessy, Jr., Randy Mullikin, Sierra Scott.

Present Virtually: Randy Frazer.

STAFF PRESENT:

Present in Person: Director Jesse R. Romo, Brad Christopher, Jean Zoglman, Valerie Wise, John Oswald, Scott Loesch, Kevin Reiser, Jay Hinkel, Jill Darge.

Present Virtually: Chris Dotson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Darge took roll call. Chair Bonnell called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2023, meeting was made by Chair Bonnell and seconded by Fletcher; motion carried with unanimous approval.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- All boards and commissions of the City are expected to adhere to Council Policy 39, Ethics Policy. Darge read into the record Item J and pointed out its specific applicability to gifts received while acting as a representative of the City. The policy document and gift log will be e-mailed to the members after the meeting. A copy of the policy is attached.
- Aviation Learning Opportunities & Funded Training (ALOFT) grant application has been submitted requesting a \$3M grant to fund an expansion at Jabara to support WSU Tech. If the ALOFT grant is awarded, a notification should be received by the end of the month. Airport staff will continue to partner with WSU Tech in pursuit of additional grant opportunities.
- Romo reported that WAA hosted a successful job fair on Wednesday April 26, 2023, at the Doubletree Hotel. About 12 companies participated and welcomed 100 applicants

in the first hour. Enterprise Rent A Car shared that an employee who was hired at last year's job fair had recently been promoted. ABM, who provides wheelchair services in the terminal, extended 10 offers of employment during the event.

- SCASD (Small Community Air Service Development) a grant program that is administered by the United States Department of Transportation, has set a mid-May due date for applications. Airport staff has been aggressive in securing community support in the form of pledges and in-kind contributions. The application will seek \$1M from the DOT to support additional air service to an east coast hub, with an emphasis on DCA, Reagan National Airport. Grants don't expect to be announced until fall of this year.
- Romo and Reiser will be attending tomorrow's Wichita Airport Authority meeting for approval on a High-Level Design contract for Information Technology. As a part of the contract, multiple items in the terminal and throughout the airport campus will be upgraded.

STAFF REPORTS:

Christopher led a presentation on Airport Grounds & Fleet with the participation of Loesch. Discussion included the struggles of hiring equipment operators and mechanics. A copy of the presentation is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Bonnell inquired about the Copp Media contract being approved and asked whether the delay would affect our summer advertising campaigns. Romo said that Copp knew there would be a lag time, so they arranged for media ahead of time and strategized accordingly.

A motion for adjournment was made by Chair Bonnell and seconded by Scott, motion carried with unanimous approval.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023.