



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 10, 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, Vice Chair Ron Ryan, Jerome Cottner, Joey Ellzey, Charlie Fletcher, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Jr., Randy Mullikin, Sierra Scott.

Present Virtually: Marco Alcocer.

STAFF PRESENT

Present in Person: Jesse Romo, Jean Zogelman, Brad Christopher, Valerie Wise, John Oswald, Jennifer Magana, Jill Darge, Darlene Morris, Kevin Reiser, Deidra Cronk.

Present Virtually: Chris Dotson.

Members of the Public: Jocelyn Brown

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Bonnell requested approval of the June 5, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion was made by Vice Chair Ryan and seconded by Scott; motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The FAA Part 139 safety inspection was conducted on June 21 and 22. Overall the Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) did well in the inspection, with only a few discrepancies to be remedied by August.
- Air Service Update:
 - American Airlines announced daily, nonstop service to Phoenix starting November 5.
 - Southwest Airlines announced that daily, nonstop service to Las Vegas will resume November 5.
 - May was the second busiest May on record in terms of enplanements.
 - Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant recipients are expected to be announced in October.

- Project updates:
 - GA Apron Phase 1 should be completed in early 2024. Phase 2 will begin in 2026.
 - A \$2.3 million project at the Customs and Border Patrol facility should be completed in July except for a long lead time piece of equipment.
- The joint project by the City of Wichita and the WAA involving Eisenhower Parkway was not selected in this round of Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grants. However, it is not unusual for large projects to be unsuccessful the first time. The City is soliciting feedback from the Department of Transportation (DOT) to inquire about how to strengthen the future application.
- The Kansas Department of Commerce recently notified the Airport of a \$2.2 million grant award from the Aviation Learning Opportunities & Funded Training (ALOFT) program. The grant will be used to construct a taxiway and apron to support a new hangar facility development at Jabara Airport. Specifically, WAA would partner with WSU Tech to build the infrastructure while they grow the workforce training program.
- The Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) grant for the relocation and widening of Taxiway D at Jabara Airport will be presented to the Wichita Airport Authority at the July 18 City Council meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

- Zoglman gave a presentation on the Operating Budget & Capital Improvement Program. A copy of the presentation is attached.
- Ellzey questioned if the Yingling ownership change required new leases. Zoglman responded that the leases had been assigned to the new entity.
- Romo noted that employment applications are still being accepted for Equipment Operator and Mechanic positions as well as a Customer Experience & Business Development Manager position.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Bonnell called for nominations for vice chair. Fletcher nominated Ryan and was seconded by Ellzey. The nominations were closed, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Chair Bonnell called for nominations for chairman. Vice Chair Ryan nominated Bonnell and was seconded by Mullikin. The nominations were closed, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2023.