



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 7, 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, Joey Ellzey, Charlie Fletcher, Randy Frazer, John Hennessy, Jr., Randy Mullikin.

Present Virtually: Ebony Clemons, Jerome Cottner, Jonathan McRoy, Sierra Scott.

STAFF PRESENT

Present in Person: Jesse Romo, Jean Zoglman, Valerie Wise, John Oswald, Jay Hinkel, Jill Darge, Kevin Reiser, Darlene Morris, Paula Kehres.

Present Virtually: Chris Dotson.

Members of the Public: Elder Josie Wright, Joel Rodell

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 July 10, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion was made by Ellzey and seconded by Fletcher; motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Elder Jose Wright requested consideration to rename the airport to the Wichita Myquez Todd Airport. Chair Bonnell suggested the request be presented to her City Councilmember. Vice Chair Ryan noted the significant expense required to execute a renaming effort.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Air Service Update:
 - Southwest Airlines will resume daily service to Las Vegas beginning November 5, 2023.
 - American Airlines will offer daily service to Phoenix beginning November 5, 2023, and Saturday service to Miami beginning November 11, 2023.
 - American Airlines will offer daily, nonstop flights to Washington, D.C. beginning January 8, 2024.

- The contracts with Greteman and Copp will be utilized to market this air service because it is essential for the seats to be filled in order to retain the service.

- The triannual full scale disaster exercise is scheduled for September 1, 2023.
- FAA/ADA 504 Limited Compliance Review was performed by the FAA in July. There were minimal findings and FAA staff was complimentary of the compliance situation at Eisenhower Airport. The event also included a virtual training component for WAA ADA and compliance staff.
- Reconciliation of 2022 airline rates were discussed with the signatory airlines on July 13, 2023. Passenger counts and landed weights exceeded projections resulting in a small net credit.
- Romo and Wise attended a Chamber Legislative Luncheon featuring Congressman Estes and spoke with him regarding FAA reauthorization topics being considered and how they will affect the airport.
- Hinkel announced that Jacque Butler has been hired as his successor in anticipation of his retirement in February, 2024.

STAFF REPORTS

- Reiser gave a presentation on Airport Information Technology Service. A copy of the presentation is attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Bonnell provided a presentation regarding an event at the Kansas Aviation Museum for the former employees of Ryan Aviation International Airlines.
- Chair Bonnell welcomed Ebony Clemons who has been appointed to the WAAB Board by County Commissioner Baty.

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023.