

**CITY OF WICHITA**  
**WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Monday, September 9, 2002 - 3:00 p.m.**

Present: Dion Avello, Charles Bouilly, Bill Calloway, Mitch Faroh, Beth Garrison, Michael Ledy, Dorothy McKay, Dave Murfin, Don Slawson, Jay Swanson

Absent: Tim Austin, Carrie Williams

City Staff: Ernie Garcia, Doug Moshier

Airport Staff: Bailis Bell, Jean Zoglman, Valerie Wise

Chairman Avello called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Motion by Swanson to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2002 Wichita Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Airport/Airline Lease and Use Agreement**

On December 31, 2002 a three-year agreement with the passenger carrying airlines serving Wichita Mid-Continent Airport expires. The Federal Government allows airports to charge airlines for using its facilities. Airports are not allowed to charge for military operations. The Department of Transportation states that airports cannot make a profit from operations on the airfield, but airports are allowed a return on investment from the terminal building and real estate.

There are varying ways airlines and airports do business. More than half of them do business by agreement. The State of Kansas and Federal Government gives this airport the right to determine the cost to do business, as long as no profit is made off the airfield. Mid-Continent Airport does business by agreement with the airlines. The airlines have agreed to pay for approximately two-thirds of the cost of the airfield since general aviation also uses the airfield. General aviation is charged fuel flowage fees. Cargo and general aviation accounts for the remaining one-third of the airfield costs. Airlines also rent approximately one-half of the terminal building.

Discussion ensued regarding landing fees and the airlines' share of the cost of the airfield.

Some airline representatives have indicated their desire to renew the existing agreement. The airport is financially satisfied.

Discussion ensued regarding the financial condition of the airport and its ability to borrow money. The current agreement is a compensatory agreement wherein the airlines pay for what they use and the airport has control of the facilities. Chicago O'Hare Airport has a residual agreement where the airlines have guaranteed the bottom line of that airport. In this arrangement, the airlines also control the capital program.

*Swanson moved to recommend to the City Council that the Airport/Airline Lease and Use Agreement be extended one year. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Planning Committees**

Two committees are in the process of being formed to oversee airport planning activities. One is the master plan advisory committee and the second is a terminal area planning oversight committee. A list of recommended participants was distributed.

Discussion ensued regarding the involvement of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board.

### **July 2002 Statistical/Project Report**

Passengers in July rose 25% over a year ago. Discussion ensued regarding how AirTran Airways is performing in Wichita.

### **Other Business**

Bell reported on the hours of operation of concessions in the terminal building. There have also been discussions regarding concession improvements in each concourse. HMS Host is proposing an arrangement with the airport where the risk could be shared.

There was discussion regarding the passenger screening process and the congestion it creates. Two passenger screening areas are needed, however, due to budget considerations the Transportation Security Administration recommended keeping one area. Bell is pursuing this with Congressman Tiahrt. Twelve machines designed to search baggage will be put in place by the end of this year. These will be located in front of the ticket counters.

Discussion ensued regarding the necessity for the WAAB to attend airport conferences, and the need to establish a travel budget. It was felt that with the master plan project, terminal remodel project, and ongoing security changes, that attendance at airport conferences would be beneficial to making informed decisions. Chairman Avello urged the board members to contact their appointers and explain the importance of WAAB travel to airport conferences. The board proposed that a resolution be adopted establishing a travel budget of \$10,000 and two people attend two conferences per year.

*McKay moved to adopt a resolution establishing a travel budget for the Wichita Airport Advisory Board of \$10,000 and that two members may attend two conferences per year. Motion carried unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Valerie Wise, Clerk