

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD**

Monday, March 1, 2004 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Tim Austin, Charles Bouilly, Bill Calloway, Ron Estes, Mitch Faroh, Charles Fletcher, Michael Ledy, James Thompson

Absent: Dion Avello, Beth Garrison, Dorothy McKay, Dave Murfin, Jay Swanson

Airport Staff: Bailis Bell, Tom Nolan, John Oswald, Valerie Wise, Jean Zoglman

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order.

Public Agenda

James Mendenhall presented a plan to create a cargo reliever hub, offering taxiway service to an industrial park.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Faroh to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2004 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Public Safety Fees

At the February 2, 2004 WAAB meeting, a draft resolution was presented. It was determined at that time that Estes would rework that resolution. Estes distributed a copy of the resolution background and suggested it be added to the original resolution. The background and resolution reads as follows:

Background Information

The Airport Advisory Board agrees that the Airport should pay fees for the services it receives, such as public safety. The Board also desires to see an appropriate amount of Airport funds continue to be available to support the Airports and aviation-related activities.

However, the Board feels that the Airport should not double pay for services. Since the Airport maintains some police and fire fighting capability, it should not be assessed the public safety fee at the same rate as other utility operations. One method to eliminate this double payment is to reduce the public safety fee charged to the Airport by the amount currently spent by the Airport for police and fire services.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING REEVALUATION OF THE CITY OF WICHITA'S FEES FOR POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES TO WICHITA MID-CONTINENT AIRPORT AND COL. JAMES JABARA AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita is the governing body of Wichita, Kansas providing police and fire service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wichita desires to share the costs of providing police and fire service with the users and beneficiaries of municipal ad valorem tax exempt properties; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Airport Advisory Board is charged with advising the City Council, the Wichita Airport Authority and the City Manager on matters relating to the operation of the community's publicly owned airports; and

WHEREAS; the Airport Fund currently supports the Airport Safety Division providing aircraft fire suppression and front-line police services over the six square miles of Mid-Continent Airport with an annual budget of \$2.7 million; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Improvements Program of Mid-Continent and Jabara Airports will present significant demands upon the Airport Fund as well as other supporting funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager be directed by City Council to reevaluate the \$700,000 charge to the Airport Fund for City police and fire services, giving consideration to the services already provided by the Airport Fund.

Adopted at the Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting, Wichita, Kansas, March 1, 2004.

Tim Austin, Chair

ATTEST:

Valerie Wise, Clerk

Motion by Fletcher to adopt the original draft resolution with the addition of the resolution background. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Committee Report

Motion by Bouilly to discuss an off-agenda item concerning the Economic Development Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A meeting is scheduled on Friday, March 5, 2004 with the Economic Development Committee, representatives from Sedgwick County, the City of Wichita, and the Chamber.

Discussion of Use of Adjacent Lands

On August 12, 2003 the City Council was presented a study of available industrial properties that have either ready access or could be certified ready rather soon. The study identified general policy to provide direction and then further identified specific parcels of land. Two parcels of land immediately west of Tyler Road adjacent to the southwest corner of Mid-Continent Airport were identified as candidates for industrial development. The targeted area consists of a 30.76-acre tract located immediately east of Tyler Road currently owned by the City of Wichita (as opposed to the Wichita Airport Authority's ownership of the airport). A tract measuring 92.37 acres immediately west of Tyler Road is currently in the process of being acquired by the City of Wichita. It is believed that these sites, totaling 123.43 acres, are near to being shovel ready, at least in certain parts of the sites. Once the land is acquired, it is anticipated that moves will be made to adopt the use of the land to a use associated with Mid-Continent Airport. There was discussion regarding taxiway access to this property.

On June 3, 2002 the WAAB endorsed the City's acquisition of the 123.43-acre tract.

The City Manager's office is looking for ideas on how that land can be developed. Bell stated there are approximately 740 acres on airport property available for development right now.

Master Plan/Terminal Plan Update

There is a plan for remodeling the old terminal building and a plan for building a new terminal. Financing options are now being reviewed. The master plan will not be finalized until the financing for the terminal area plan is determined.

January 2004 Statistical/Project Report

Total passengers are up 5% over last year. There was discussion regarding the drop in aircraft operations. Austin requested to review the first quarter financial report when it is available.

Other Business

Discussion ensued regarding a potential landfill in Furley and how it would affect Jabara Airport.

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of 20 acres in Bel Aire near Jabara Airport.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



Valerie Wise, Clerk