

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, April 10, 2017

Present: Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy Jr., Richard Kerschen, Karen Page, Ron Ryan, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Brad Christopher, Leah Gisick, Traci Nichols, Ty Richardson, Valerie Wise, Victor White

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle

Chairman Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on the public agenda. No one came forward to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Wooten and second by Mr. Greenlee to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Alaska Airlines begins service out of Wichita on Thursday and there will be a celebration at the Alaska Gate. There will also be a joint Aeroclub/Chamber/Airport luncheon event at the Hyatt on May 4th at 11:30, introducing the leadership of Alaska Airlines.

Brad Christopher was asked to speak regarding the status of terminal water leaks and the related warranty claims. Mr. Christopher stated that any leaks currently in the terminal are all under warranty, however the warranties are about to expire. There has been considerable effort from several subcontractors, over the past couple of years, to find the origin of the leaks. There is now a meeting scheduled with four sub-contractors, along with Key Construction (representing Key-Walbridge) for this Thursday. The goal is to problem solve and give the sub-contractors a last opportunity to resolve the issue. Another communication will be sent out today requesting that the warranty related to the problem areas be extended. Mr. Kerschen spoke and recommended hiring an independent expert to focus on where the leaks are coming from. Mr. Christopher explained that because it is still under warranty, it is the contractors' responsibility as to whether they would like to hire an expert or not. Ms. Page asked why this upcoming meeting would be any different if the contractors have been met with before. Mr. Christopher stated that due to the origin of the leaks being very difficult to narrow down they would like to have one last meeting, having everyone in the room that may share some of the responsibility. Mr. Kerschen suggested that Key-Walbridge, who the original contract was with, be told that if the problem is not solved we will bring in an expert and they will be expected to pay for it. Mr. Greenlee also advised that the sub-contractors be told that WAA intends to bring in an expert and bill them for it. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the contractors need to show that they're aggressive in finding out where the issues are.

Mr. Christopher responded by stating that the Airport has no intention of being left with this problem. In answer to a question by Mr. Davis, Mr. Christopher stated that there has been damage to the drywall, sheetrock, ceiling tiles, and carpet, both on the public side and behind the scenes. The damaged areas have not yet been replaced since the source of the leaks has not yet been found. Mr. Wooten had some questions regarding the length of the warranty and Mr. Christopher stated that the original warranty was for two years and WAA will be asking for another year. The question of what will happen if the sub-contractors deny the request to extend the warranty was raised, and Mr. Hinkle stated that they could then be sued. The best possible outcome of the Thursday meeting would be that the sub-contractors agree to sign the documents extending the warranty for one year and then actively engage in correcting the problem and remedy everything to the WAA's satisfaction.

Mr. White stated that a new budget by the President proposes that funding be cut for the local law enforcement officers who man TSA security checkpoints at airports. Law enforcement presence to support the checkpoint is a Federal requirement. The funding cut would cost the WAA approximately \$200,000 per year. If the TSA reimbursement went away, the airport would have to raise the rates and charges to the airlines, which could cause ticket prices to go up or flights to be cut. Mr. White is currently drafting a letter to send to the Kansas Congressional Delegation expressing the Airports opposition to this cut, what it means financially, and how many officers will be affected by this.

On Saturday, April 22nd there will be a celebration at Yingling for the restored B-29, DOC. The public is invited to come out and, for a fee, receive a Subway sandwich and the opportunity to go into the cockpit. DOC will soon have a display in one of the showcases in the terminal by the TSA checkpoint across from gate 3. There will be pictures of DOC, possibly a model of DOC, and some promotional items such as t-shirts, mugs, ball caps, and more.

Traci Nichols will be attending the MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) Americas Tradeshow in Orlando at the end of April along with The Greater Wichita Partnership and the City of Wichita Economic Development Office. WAA is a partner in the booth and will be there to recruit businesses to move to Wichita. A silent video draft was shown of the real estate opportunities available at the Airport, which will be shown in a continuous loop during the tradeshow.

Former WAAB member, Mr. Bill Ward, passed away, but no details for services are known at this time.

American Association of Airport Executives SCC Conference – Ty Richardson

The WAA hosted this year's South Central Chapter-AAAE conference. The planning began back in June of 2016. The conference took place at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview with activities beginning on Saturday, April 1st and ending on Wednesday April 5th. Some of the session topics had to do with new terminal construction lessons learned, leasing policies and best practices, choosing a type of construction management, and emergency management. Kelly Fabrizius gave a presentation about WAA's Incident Family Support Team, which is one of the first in the country. One of the luncheon speakers, Frank Berry, shared a slide presentation about the B-29 DOC and its restoration. Tuesday's luncheon speaker was Dr. John Tomblin from WSU who spoke about

many of the Aviation related things being done at the National Institute for Aviation Research and the Innovation Campus, showing how much WSU is involved with Aviation. When WAA hosted the conference back in 2012 there were 180 registrants, but this year there were 249. Fifteen students were in attendance from three different universities, 35 airports were represented, and \$100,000 was raised by 53 sponsors which included 28 vendors. A check for just over \$45,000 will be written back to the chapter.

Project Updates – Victor White

The new hangar for Hangar Dynamix opened at the end of March and the Leasecorp Hangar 4 should open later this month. The repaving on Air Cargo Road has been completed, and the loop road by the Control Tower is almost finished. Midfield Road, between Crossfield and the Doubletree hotel, should be completed by the end of this month. Construction for the Vehicle Inspection Station Deceleration Lane is also on schedule to be completed in about a month. Construction of the TSA offices in the terminal is well underway and looks to be completed by mid-summer.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, May 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. by Ms. Page, 2nd by Mr. Wooten.

Leah Gisick, Clerk