

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, June 6, 2016

Present: Rob Benton, Paul Davis, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, John Hennessy, Carl Koster, Thom Rosenberg, Ron Ryan, Bill Ward, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Leah Gisick, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Ty Richardson, Victor White, Jean Zoglman,

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Former WAAB Members:
Dave Bayouth, Rip Gooch, Tom Pryor, and Bill Ward
Dave Bayouth, JR
Lonny Wright

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order at 3:00 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. Eslinger and second by Mr. Rosenberg, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White

Mr. White introduced the newest member of the WAAB, Mr. Robert Benton. Mr. Benton was born and raised in Wichita, retired from the Sheriff's department in 1998, and is currently a Lead Captain on an Executive Jet Management (EJM) account assigned to Spirit Aerosystems.

Brad Christopher has setup an interview with Channel 12. They will come out on June 7th to interview some of the Building Maintenance and Operations personnel and get a behind-the-scenes look at the airport.

Mr. White discussed a question that he was recently asked by a reporter. He was asked what has changed in the year since Eisenhower Airport opened the new terminal. The main change has been due to a lot of customer and worker feedback regarding terminal signage. The common thought being that there wasn't enough signage. In the gate and concourse area around 17 signs have been added directing passengers to the baggage claim area, concessions, and ticketing area. More signs are currently being installed to direct passengers to the Rental Car center.

On May 23rd Allegiant Airlines began their nonstop service to Orlando. The first flight was full with 155 passengers and has stayed consistent.

The FAA is hosting a Congressional Outreach Session on Tuesday, June 14th. The FAA region out of Kansas City will brief the Kansas Congressional Delegation regarding any updates or aviation issues.

A temporary enrollment center has opened in the Terminal for the TSA pre-check program. It will be opened June 20, 2016 – July 1, 2016 during business hours. There is a permanent center located on 2021 N. Amidon Avenue.

Recognition of Former WAAB Members – Victor White and Brent Wooten

Four members of the WAAB have retired after serving extensive terms; Dave Bayouth (2011-2015), Rip Gooch (2005-2015), Bill Ward (2005-2016), and Tom Pryor (2007-2016). Each member was presented with a plaque in appreciation of their time and service. Mr. Bayouth, Mr. Gooch, and Mr. Ward were also presented with a souvenir cap in appreciation of their service in the Military.

Project Updates – John Oswald

Mr. Oswald presented a Powerpoint Presentation showing updates on the concrete paving near the old terminal, and some other projects such as the Textron Paint Hangar Storage Tank and the new Leasecorp Hangar. Two videos displaying some of the concrete work were also presented.

The presentation included pictures of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) awarding Chairman Brent Wooten the KSPE Award in outstanding recognition for service to his profession and the community. The Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award was also presented to the Wichita Airport Authority, AECOM, HNTB Corp, Professional Engineer Consultants, Dudley Williams and Associates, and Key / Walbridge Joint Venture.

Other Business

Mr. White was asked for an update on the World War II warbird ‘Doc’ and referred the question to Mr. Ron Ryan. Mr. Ryan stated that Doc has received the FAA clearance to fly, but it is unknown exactly when that will take place. When it does happen, the tentative plan is for Doc to take off from McConnell, head to Salina for multiple landings and takeoffs, and then head to the Eisenhower Airport to be on display for several days.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. by Dr. Rosenberg, 2nd by Mr. Ryan

Leah Gisick, Clerk