

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

**Monday, August 7, 2017**

Present: Robert Benton, Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, Joel Ellzey, David Eslinger, Charles Fletcher, John Hennessy Jr., Carl Koster, Karyn Page, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Brad Christopher, Leah Gisick, Jordan Leonard, Traci Nichols, John Oswald, Victor White, Valerie Wise, Jean Zoglman

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Jerry Siebenmark, Wichita Eagle  
Lonny Wright  
Mark Williams, Garver  
Caleb Coltrane, Garver

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. Fletcher and second by Mr. Benton to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.*

**Director's Report – Victor White**

Richard Kerschen has been replaced by Tim Bonnell as a member of the WAAB.

Linda Turley and Belinda Witt attended an FAA DBE (Disadvantage Business Enterprise Conference) regarding the latest federal regulations on the use of DBE for construction and engineering projects, as well as the concession business. At this point the Airport has no current openings or vacancies for concessions, however there are always construction or design projects coming up that are federally funded.

A handout was given to all members with average airlines fares, which have gone down. An airfare drop which showed in the first quarter of 2014 is due to Southwest service which began at that time. Fares from ICT to Denver, however, is significantly higher and Valerie Wise continues to work with United Airlines on this issue.

TSA's statewide office complex in the new terminal is nearing completion. A temporary certificate of occupancy was issued last week, subject to some fire alarm testing and several other items that need to be finished. TSA is tentatively set to move into the new offices on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The old terminal will then be vacant other than the Airport Facility Maintenance division located in the

basement. An RFQ (Request for Qualifications) will be issued within the next few weeks for a CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk) for demolition and remodeling of the old terminal.

The Airport and Doc's Friends are working on finalizing the leasing process. Surveys for two of the parcels involved were completed last week by PEC and a third is currently being surveyed. There will be two lease amendments with Yingling Aviation to shrink their leasehold square footages and the lease payments they make to the airport and then the new lease can be finalized with Doc's Friends.

Dr. Thom Rosenberg mentioned a fundraising opportunity mentioned on Doc's Friends website in which individuals can purchase bricks and have their name, or anything preferred, on them and placed on the various facilities. There is also a Kickstarter campaign running in which individuals can donate any desired amount.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row the Airport has passed the FAA certification and safety inspection with zero discrepancies and with no defects found during the process.

### **Project Updates – John Oswald**

Mr. Oswald displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the process of both the General Aviation (GA) Apron and Runways studies. The study on the GA Apron, being handled by Garver, should be completed around March of 2018. Lockner is handling the runways study with the intent of a 2019 reconstruction project which will include major rehabilitations so as to preserve the runways.

### **Other Business**

Wichita will be hosting the NCAA tournaments in the spring of 2018. Valerie Wise has been talking with other airports in cities that have hosted this tournament to learn the impact it could have on the airport. Visit Wichita has contacted different businesses within Wichita to be part of a committee regarding the impact that the tournament will have on Wichita. Valerie Wise, Victor White, and Leah Gisick have been invited to be a part of this committee as representatives of the Airport.

Victor White spoke with the new director of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home regarding some future possibilities for Eisenhower memorabilia in the terminal. They will plan a trip to visit the airport in several weeks.

Dr. Thom Rosenberg would like all members to consider the possibility of starting a motion to change the title of Flight Attendants to something more indicative of their actual responsibilities, specifically related to safety.

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:11 p.m. by Mr. Koster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bonnell.

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Leah Gisick, Clerk