

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, May 6, 2019

Present: Charles Fletcher (Vice Chairman), Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Brent Wooten

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager, John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Brian Cowles, Operations Manager; Kriscia Palacios, Clerk.

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Brenda Gerleman, MCA; Brian Strunk, MCA; Kurt Yowell, MKEC.

Vice Chairman Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:01 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. Bonnell and second by Mr. Greenlee to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

This month's Aero Club Luncheon speaker was David Olive – he met with executives from Spirit and Textron and with staff at the Airport to discuss the pilot and mechanic shortage. In less than 10 years, there will be about 600,000 less pilots. The Airport is joining Mr. Olive's organization in an effort to find solutions to this issue.

Valerie was quoted in an article on Aviation Daily regarding the pilot shortage.

Honor Flight number 70 is arriving on May 10th, 2019.

Beginning steps are in place to open two new flight schools: Wings of Wichita (WOW), and Aviation Academy. WOW is a subtenant at Leasecorp Aviation, and Aviation Academy is a subtenant at Signature Flight Support. Staff is currently negotiating a lease for a third flight school which may rent the vacant American Bonanza Society building.

Staff has been negotiating with Koch Aviation to relinquish the space that Customs has been occupying since 2010. The space will return to the Airport and will re-negotiate a new lease for

the two hangars that are being leased to Koch. As a result, the Airport will enter a new lease with Customs to formalize the arrangements before the Airport initiates the project to renovate the Customs area.

The FAA Annual RSAT meeting was held last week to discuss safety issues on the Airfield at ICT.

The Annual snow and ice and deicing debrief meeting was held last week with airlines, and other tenants to discuss winter activity this year and to prepare for next year's winter.

There is an item on the City Council agenda for May 7, 2019 to provide a new month-to-month lease agreement with Signature Flight Support while a long-term agreement is being finalized.

There will be upcoming changes to FlightSafety leases to recognize their new joint venture with Textron, and an assignment to their new company will be finalized within the next weeks.

February and March were very good months for the Airport with increasing passenger numbers compared to last year.

Air Service Presentation

Valerie expanded on the flight shortage topic. The statistic is that by 2026 there will be a shortage of 15,000 pilots. There is a need for 600,000 pilots over the next 20 years.

First quarter 2019 update: 10% increase from last year.

Project Updates

John Oswald offered an interesting presentation on the old terminal demolition. He also shared specs of the ARFF truck, which is new to our Airport.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:47 p.m. by Mr. Fletcher, 2nd by Mr. Bonnell. Motion carried unanimously.

Kriscia Palacios, Clerk