

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, June 3, 2019

- Present: Ron Ryan (Chairman), Charles Fletcher (Vice Chairman), Robert Benton, Paul Davis, Joseph Ellzey, David Eslinger, Dwight Greenlee, John Hennessy, Jr., Karyn Page, Brent Wooten.
- Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Jean Zoglman, Finance Manager, John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Traci Nichols, Properties and Contracts Manager; Belinda Witt, Properties and Contracts Analyst; Kriscia Palacios, Clerk.
- City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney
- Guests: Barbara Autry, Midwest Corporate Aviation (MCA); Brenda Gerleman, MCA; Brian Strunk, MCA; Sally Johnson, MCA; Kimberly Autry; Brent Gerleman; Max Gerleman; Wilma Gerleman; Charlie Wittmack, Hartung Schroeder Law; Dwayne Clemens, Clemens Aviation; Shellie Foster, Clemens Aviation; Lizzie Clemens, Clemens Aviation; Lonny Wright; Jason Todd, The Wichita Eagle; Kurt Yowell, MKEC.

Chairman Ryan 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. Greenlee and second by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

On the Agenda for City Council/WAA this Tuesday is the lease agreement for Ortega Aviation, a new flight school here at the Airport.

After two years of negotiation, we have finalized the lease for Learjet's facilities at the Airport, and this will be presented at the next City Council/WAA meeting.

The City Council/WAA meeting next week will include two lease amendments for Koch Aviation to modify the current rented space to remove the area in which US Customs & Border Protection (CBP) has the General Aviation Federal Inspection Facility. This will then allow the Airport to enter into a separate agreement with CBP for their space so that the WAA can begin the renovations project that the federal government is requiring.

Valerie Wise is attending a meeting with Airlines at the ACI Jumpstart conference in Nashville. She is making several presentations to airlines, and we hope to receive an interest in adding new direct destinations out of Wichita.

Hemisphere magazine, an in-flight magazine for United Airlines is doing a feature on Wichita and the Airport; they have requested an interview with the director, and also to discuss economic impact benefits of the Airport.

Airline passenger traffic was up 5% in April, cargo is up 11%, retail food, beverage, news, and gift shop concession revenue is up 9%, and parking revenue is up 24%.

Clemens Aviation Jabara Airport FBO Request

The Director updated the Board on a decision regarding the Clemens Aviation Jabara Airport FBO Request. Mr. White also presented a Powerpoint presentation in further detail to support the decision.

Charlie Wittmack, counsel for Midwest Corporate Aviation presented a rebuttal.

The Board voted to table the request for an additional 30-90 days, not to exceed 90 days.

Motion by Mr. Hennessy and second by Ms. Page to table a decision for an additional 30-90 days. Mr. Fletcher opposed and Mr. Wooten did not vote.

Project Updates

John Oswald offered a brief status of project on the Runway Rehabilitation project: the FAA has granted additional funds to totally reconstruct the West runway.

Design and advertising for the project will be about five weeks from today. Expected completion is November of 2020.

Other Business

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:26 p.m. by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Greenlee. Motion carried unanimously.

Kriscia Palacios, Clerk