

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, March 2, 2020

- Present: Ron Ryan (Chairman), Charlie Fletcher (Vice Chairman), Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Randy Frazer, Dwight Greenlee, Karyn Page, Dr. Thom Rosenberg, Brent Wooten.
- Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Valerie Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Kriscia Palacios, Clerk.
- City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney
- Guests: Brian Strunk, MCA (Midwest Corporate Aviation); Lonnie Wright; Ryan Stehr, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly.

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. Fletcher and second by Mr. Rosenberg to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

The Director passed out a letter that he sent to Congressman Estes and both U.S. Senators regarding the president's budget proposal for fiscal year 2021, which calls for significant cuts to TSA's budget. This budget cut would affect the Airport in three major ways: Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement program, Exit Lanes, and Janitorial Services.

The TSA is on a nationwide hiring and over-time freeze. They have created an emergency plan for the bigger airports.

The DoubleTree Hotel group has accepted the Airport's proposal regarding building a new hotel north of the Hampton Inn. The Director will meet with their local hotel partner tomorrow. Per the provisions of the agreement, the hotel is now obligated to match the business and financial deal the other developer presented. The next milestone they have to meet is to sign the Lease Agreement by April 30, of this year.

Air Service Marketing Update:

Valerie gave a very detailed presentation on air passenger traffic and current travel trends, as well as the challenges in the industry today. Valerie touched base on the Airport's grassroots initiative, I Fly Wichita, and the importance of getting passenger feedback. Valerie's presentation included comparisons to other airports on airfare cost and passenger traffic. The Airport is focusing on high demand destinations, and spreading the word about flying from this Airport.

Project Updates:

John Oswald discussed upcoming projects and offered a project update on the Airport Layout Plan. The West Runway closed for all traffic today until July 2. The East Runway is expected to close for all traffic after on July 6, and will re-open sometime in November. Pearson is the general contractor.

Other Business:

The next WAAB meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. by Mr. Bonnell, 2nd by Mr. Fletcher. Motion carried unanimously.

Kriscia Palacios, Clerk