

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF WICHITA
WICHITA AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, December 7, 2020

Present: Tim Bonnell, Paul Davis, David Eslinger, Charlie Fletcher (Chairman),
Dwight Greenlee, John Hennesey, Ron Ryan

Airport Staff: Victor White, Director; Brad Christopher, Assistant Director; Valerie
Wise, Air Service and Marketing Manager; Jean Zoglman, Finance
Manager; John Oswald, Engineering and Planning Manager; Traci
Nichols, Properties & Contracts Manager; Elizabeth Anderson, Secretary;
Leah Gisick, Airport Clerk

City Staff: Jay Hinkel, Deputy City Attorney

Guests: Brian Strunk – Midwest Corp Aviation

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. and a role call was conducted. There was no call for public agenda due to the meeting being conducted virtually using Microsoft Teams.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dwight Greenlee and second by Tim Bonnell to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020 Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting (WAAB). Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Victor White:

The Airport Police will be having a virtual security table top drill on Wednesday, December 16th. TSA requires that this be done every three years. Airlines and various tenants will participate in the security exercise in which they respond to a given scenario.

The project to remodel the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities, on the Airport Campus, has been restarted. Due to COVID-19 it was put on pause, but we have received notification that the Kansas Department of Transportation is awarding us an Economic Development grant for this project for around \$815,000.

The Airport has been working with the Airlines on developing policies for our six common use gates, and the procedures have now been finalized. We are acquiring software to assist in the scheduling of the common use gates.

The FAA is currently deciding how to handle the COVID-19 vaccine in regards to pilots. As of today, the vaccine is not authorized for pilots and their medical certificate would be put on hold for a period of time after the vaccine has been taken.

Hertz Rental Car declared chapter 11 bankruptcy in the summer due to lack of business because of COVID-19. They have decided to remain at the Airport and continue their lease. Dollar and Thrifty Car Rentals, also owned by Hertz, have terminated their lease as of the end of November. Interest has already been expressed in the vacant space, therefore the Airport will be deciding when and how to move forward.

Two design contracts have been put on the City Council's agenda for approval. GLMV Architecture will be handling the design work for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection remodel, and Garver, LLC will be handling the design work for the Jabara Taxiway A-3 extension project.

Passenger counts are down 55 percent year-to-date which was not expected when financial projections were done for 2021 and beyond. We are currently relooking at the projections and will keep WAAB informed of any significant changes.

Air Service and Marketing Update – Valerie Wise

A PowerPoint presentation was made regarding the latest updates of Air Service and Marketing.

The Airport will be applying for a grant through the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP). Our intention is to secure non-stop service to an East Coast hub of either Washington DC or Charlotte, NC. We will be asking for \$750,000 which requires a 100 percent match. A meeting is scheduled for December 18th to discuss ways to raise that amount.

The Airport set up some tables on the concourse with Greeting Cards that travelers could fill out so as to send a thank you note to our troops overseas. Many have already been filled out and been picked up by McConnell Air Force.

Project Updates – John Oswald

Mr. Oswald shared a PowerPoint presentation and two short videos regarding current and future projects happening at the Airport.

Other Business:

The next WAAB meeting will be held virtually on Monday, January 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 4:15 P.M.

Leah Gisick, Airport Clerk

Appointee	Representing	Appointment Expiration
Jonathan McRoy	Mayor	3/31/2022
Karyn Page	City Council – District I	3/31/2022
Charles Fletcher	City Council – District II	3/31/2022
Paul Davis	City Council – District III	3/31/2022
Dr. Thom Rosenberg	City Council – District IV	3/31/2022
Joey Ellzey	City Council – District V	3/31/2022
Dwight Greenlee	City Council – District VI	3/31/2022
Ron Ryan	Sedgwick County – 1 st District	3/31/2021
John Hennessy, Jr.	Sedgwick County – 2 nd District	3/31/2021
Tim Bonnell	Sedgwick County – 3 rd District	6/30/2021
Shaqiyla Banks	Sedgwick County – 4 th District	3/31/2022
David Eslinger	Sedgwick County – 5 th District	3/31/2021
Kelly McElroy	REAP Representative	3/31/2022