



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 5, 2024
3:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board (WAAB) was held in the Administration Building Board Room, 2173 Air Cargo Road and via a virtual format.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Present in Person: Chair Ron Ryan, Marco Alcocer, Tim Bonnell, Victoria Carro, Ebony Clemons, Jerome Cottner, Vice Chair Randy Frazer, Mike Greene, John Hennesey, Cathy McClain, Alicia Sanchez, Sierra Scott, Scott Stiles.

STAFF PRESENT

Present in Person: Jesse Romo, Jacque Butler, Jill Darge, Nate Hinkel, Paula Kehres, John Oswald, Kevin Reiser, Stacey Wilbanks, Valerie Wise.

Present Virtually: Chris Dotson.

MEMEBRS OF THE PUBLIC

Jonathan McRoy, David Stillwell

Presented Virtually: Jordan Freborg

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Darge took roll call. Chair Ryan called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Ryan requested approval of the July 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Hennesey and seconded by Stiles; motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jonathan McRoy was recognized for his contributions to the board.

- Projects
 - Clemons Aviation has begun construction on a new hangar north of the current location.
 - Bids will be accepted on 8-9-24 for the new taxiway A-1 South at Jabara. The

- project is expected to begin September or October.
- Airport Hotel will not be making the December 1 deadline. A new date will be presented to the council for an extension to the agreement.
- Due to the city's water shortage adjustments will be made to watering schedule. Signage has been placed referencing well water usage.
- Jabara is on city water and will adjust watering schedules according to water restrictions.
- Wi-fi in the terminal is down and a quick resolution is being worked on.
- Captain Potter with the Airport Police and Fire will be providing part of the service for the fallen firefighter Ty Voth's funeral on Friday.
- Staffing
 - Romo gave an update on current job postings.
 - Air Service
 - Due to the CrowdStrike outage on July 18, 17 flights were cancelled, and 17 flights were delayed.
 - New passenger record was set in June with 175,800 passengers, the previous record was 169,541 in June 2019.
 - First 6 months of this year passenger traffic exceeded the 2019 record year by 2%.
 - June enplanements increased 11% while seats increased 8%.
 - American increased capacity to Dallas by 8.6% and to Chicago by 87.4%
 - United added a 4th flight to Houston which is a 35% increase.
 - The airport will not be applying for the Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant as the airport was unable to secure support from the airlines.
 - Department of Transportation is offering a Kansas Air Service Development Initiative grant for incentives to attract new services. An application is being processed to apply for \$1 mil as a minimum guarantee for service to Charlotte.
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STAFF REPORTS

- Wilbanks gave a presentation on Operations. A copy of the presentation is attached.
- McClain questioned the results of 139 Inspection. Wilbanks responded that all items that require attention will be completed by the October 31 deadline.
- Ryan requested that members introduce themselves and who they are affiliated with.
- Romo reported that we have some bald eagles on the property and are monitoring the situation.
- Romo will be presenting at the District 4 Advisory Board meeting being held in the media room tonight at 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024.