



MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 7, 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, Vice Chair Randy Frazer, Mike Greene, John Hennessy, Cathy McClain, Sierra Scott.

Present Virtually: Alicia Sanchez.

STAFF PRESENT

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

Present Virtually: Chris Dotson.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Present in Person: Christophe Maskell

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 September 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Greene and seconded by Bonnell; motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Victoria Carro, WAAB member, welcomed a new baby.
- Romo presented at the City Council meeting to get approval of extension for Airport Hotel, LLC construction completion from December, 2024 to June, 2025.
- Romo attended District 1 advisory board meeting to give presentation regarding the Airport.

- Projects
 - Jabara Taxiway D to provide access to the new Clemens hangar will be completed in late November.
 - Jabara snow equipment building has been completed.
 - Jabara Taxiway A-1 South (taxiway and apron for WSU Tech) is expected to start mid-October.
 - Demo of old maintenance building and fuel farm at Jabara has been completed.
 - Eisenhower airfield pavement project will start construction early 2025 and will end in 2026.
 - First Eisenhower master plan meeting will be held October 23, 2024.
 - ICT fuel farm final phase III will start in November and will run until Mid-May.

- Staffing
 - Romo gave an update on current job postings.
 - Airport Grounds and Fleet will be attending the City's Job Fair tomorrow.

- Air Service
 - Wise and Hinkel attended the Allegiant conference in Las Vegas.
 - July had highest passengers ever with 176,506 total passengers.
 - There have been five record months of passenger traffic in 2024.
 - American is resuming nonstop service to Miami on November 9.
 - Southwest added daily service to Phoenix beginning October 3, decreased Denver service to 1 time daily.
 - American will not operate DCA-ICT route from 12/19/24 – 1/6/25 but will resume normal service on 1/7/25.

STAFF REPORTS

- Reiser gave a presentation on Information Technology. A copy of the presentation is attached.
- Discussion ensued regarding the airport's level of involvement with flight operations. Romo commented that the FAA controls flight operations.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next regular Wichita Airport Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2024.