

City of Lawrence Aviation Advisory Board Meeting

March 14, 2019 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Kelly, Bill Ackerly, Richard Haig, Monte Soukup, Don Kinney, Dan Born

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Soules

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ron Renz, Tom Deutsch, Rick Bryant

I. Call to order

Noting a quorum, chair Richard Haig called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Review of Minutes of December 13, 2018 Meeting: A change was requested in item VI (Other Business) to change the company providing warranty service on the gates to Amerifence of Kansas City. With that change, the minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

III. Public Comment: Rick Bryant noted that the McPherson, Kansas, airport is building T-hangars through local investment/leaseback arrangement utilizing a state law--this is a process that should be followed to see how it works. Ron Renz noted that the Lawrence Airport gate that had been malfunctioning has been repaired.

IV. Chuck Soules reported on the Commission Request for input, leading to a general discussion of the makeup of the Airport Board in terms of diversity of membership, the impact of collective knowledge with the transition of board members, the potential of adding economic development or Lawrence Chamber of Commerce representatives or guests, the potential for an airport Open House, and the potential for inviting a KU student who could provide planning and development expertise as a class requirement or project.

V. It was recommended to make sure that the Airport Board's by-laws and the City Ordinance establishing the Airport Board agree in terms of having a KU representative as part of the Board. Through a cursory review, it looks as if there may be several areas that may need to be addressed to make sure that By-Laws and Ordinance agree. Chuck Soules will review.

VI. A report on the plans for the upcoming Aviation Camp (May 18, 2019) was given by Richard Haig. The syllabus for the educational component of the Camp is being re-done. One of the previous Camp's attendees is planning to attend college for a degree in aviation studies. This year's Camp will be promoted by Lawrence Parks and Recreation. Richard also asked the Board for opinions on whether to

ask the Kansas State/Salina Polytechnic Aviation Program and the FBO at Billard (Topeka, KS) if they would be interested in providing planes/pilots to help give rides in our May 18 Camp. Board opinion was positive to ask for that assistance.

VII. FBO Report: On March 25, 2019, proposed changes to the FBO operation will be considered by the Lawrence Planning Commission, then if approved and FAA approval are given, those changes would be voted on by the Lawrence City Commission at their April 12, 2019 meeting.

The proposed changes involve a much larger building and more commercial aircraft, including a Beechcraft KingAir, a Hawker Jet, and an Eclipse Jet...all with the intention of a Lease and Share program, and potential of a concierge service. If all of this growth occurs, it may spur the need to look at the possibility of (and qualifying for) a runway extension.

VIII. Potential upcoming Airport Board meeting dates: May 2, 2019, September 5, 2019, November 14, 2019.

IX. There being no other business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:12pm.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, May at 6:30 pm in the Richardson Memorial Pilot's Lounge at the Lawrence Municipal Airport Terminal Building