

AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 2024

A meeting of the Airport Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Terminal Building, 2403 Aviation Blvd, Sioux City, IA 51111.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Skip Perley
Joe Kruse
Linda Kalin
Dave Kaplan
Larry Christensen

STAFF

Mike Collett, Assistant City Manager
Amber Hegarty, Asst City Attorney
Al Lorenzo, Airport Manager
Thomas Hermann, Airport Supervisor
Melissa Uhl, Airport Admin Assistant

OTHER

Barbara Sloniker, Chamber
Darren Christopher, RS&H
Kevin Blosch, Air Museum
Col. Streck, 185th
Dave Zimmerman, ReVv Aviation
Tammy Chidester, SkyWest
Dale Klein, Citizen

MEMBERS ELECTRONIC

Sarah Murray

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Faith Bradham

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

CALL OF THE ROLL

The Airport Board meeting was called to order by the Board President Kruse at 7:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Christensen moved that the minutes of July 18, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Perley. Motion Approved Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve and Accept the Grant Agreement 3-19-0085-074-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$395,466 to fund the construction of the Runway 18-36 and Taxiways B, C, D and E Rehabilitation (crack seal, sealcoat, and re-mark) Project for the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (FAA Grant Agreement No. 03-19-0085-072-2024). (95%FAA/5%Local)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve and Accept the Grant Agreement 3-19-0085-074-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$395,466 to fund the construction of the Runway 18-36 and Taxiways B, C, D and E Rehabilitation (crack seal, sealcoat, and re-mark) Project for the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (FAA Grant Agreement No. 03-19-0085-072-2024) was made by Kaplan and Seconded by Kalin. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve the Reimbursable Agreement No. AJW-FN-CSA-24-CE-006448 with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for design review and oversight in connection with the Runway 13-31 and 185th Apron Reconstruction Project (known as the Siouxland Nexus Project) at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (City Project No. 749-138).

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Approve a Digital Marketing Campaign with ArkStar Group for the Holiday starting September 1st to run through November 10th in the amount of \$10,000.

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Approve the Three-Year Sioux Gateway Airport (CPP) Community Participation Plan.

A Motion to Approve the Three-Year Sioux Gateway Airport (CPP) Community Participation Plan was made by Christensen and Seconded by Perley. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve the Three-Year Sioux Gateway Airport (DBE) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

A Motion to Approve the Three-Year Sioux Gateway Airport (DBE) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program was made by Murray and Seconded by Perley. Motion Approved Unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Projects Update: T-Hangar has painting to complete and a few minor punch list items. The City should get keys later today. SUX Aviation Center punch list continues. RS&H is working on the final pay for the Sealcoat Project. This should be brought forth next month. The Hangar Door Replacement Project installation is starting this week. The City is participating in the replacement of one door and Hawthorne has another contract for the replacement of a second door. RS&H anticipates work to be completed in under a month. The Nexus Project design is moving fast, the 35% submittal is due in August. The next milestone is 65% design by January. Had a pre-bid meeting for the next phase of the Terminal Roof Replacement Project. These bid results and grant will be coming. The competitive grant application with the IDOT AIP for the South Ramp will also be forthcoming. Board Member Murray departed the meeting at 7:57am just after the construction update.

SkyWest Airlines: Requesting for the City to review the exit lane options for passengers on the secure side. Staff will meet with SkyWest regarding options. There was a recent incident where a male party who did not have a ticket passed TSA and walked onto the jetbridge and ramp. He was detained by police. Flight times change on August 19th. They are preparing for deice training for the upcoming season. Hawthorne has requested to be their backup deicer. The trucks were recently inspected. They appreciate allowing trucks and fluid to be stored inside.

Hawthorne: Not available to report. ReVv shared that their flight training hours are up 26% over last year. They currently have 22 students and have just received their VA approval. The GI bill covers flight training expenses. They have onsite maintenance and four flight instructors. The invitation is still open if any Board Members would like to stop by to learn more.

Oracle: They are reviewing options with five potential vendors for their new fuel farm for best pricing. RS&H has offered to help with design work to obtain bids. They are working for an answer to their funding solution and expect something by the first week of September, then will start the process to get the fuel farm going. Working to finalize a date on their grand opening event in September. Morningside has 17 students that will be starting next week.

ABM: Not Available to report. There was a power surge last Sunday that threw gates off and other items within the terminal.

185th ARW: Col. Streck reported that the 185th recently hosted a large meeting that brought in representation from Senators and Congressmen. They shared all the wins so far within the Nexus Project. The 1391 is the next step and it provides the scope and funding that allows for the project to move forward. At the end of the day the ramp and runway will be proposed to be completed in FY26 at 142M, (with 20M from the FAA) then in FY27 completion of a runway extension, and FY28 the completion of the other runway extension and warm-up pad. He expressed their appreciation to the Airport Board for being a partner and to RS&H and City Staff for their daily involvement. The outcome of this submittal will come sometime in January. Everything that is currently being done with the KC-135 aircraft makes the Guard Facilities well placed through 2050.

FINANCIAL REPORT- First month of the fiscal year. No real surprises, as expected. The FAA 4-States Conference is next week.

MARKETING- Operations were down 9% for July. GA was down for the month but up 8% for the year. Enplanements are up 7%. Load factors have Denver at 65% and Chicago 71% for the month. The numbers from SkyWest show 100% completion which includes flights within 12 hours delayed. Future bookings look the same as in past months. Flight schedule changes next week, will see if that changes enplanements. Staff will be taking the annual visit to SkyWest in October. A request was made for a 550 aircraft or a frequency adjustment now that the pilot attrition is better.

FAA Tower numbers have SUX at 11,705 for the year. Currently ranked 254th out of 264th.

BOARD CONCERNS- Kaplan expressed concerns regarding the reliability of flights going out due to delays. Mr. Klein reported that the airport's rotating beacon is really weak. He said that the tower stated they heard the same concern from other pilots. Staff will investigate any issues as this is the first report regarding this concern. Kaplan will be speaking at a United Airlines disaster drill on September 18th in Rockford, Illinois.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- September 19, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, 8:41 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Sarah Murray
Board Secretary