

MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
April 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman B.J. Hunter at 12:30 p.m. in the North Terminal Conference Room on Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

Present: Jim Elliott, Don Miles, B.J. Hunter, Bob Taylor, Larry Foster, Ron Craft, David Rosman, Greg Cecil, Rick Shanker, Kathy Frerking, Tammy Puett - Airport Administration
John Glascock – Public Works
Jill Stedem - Public Works Information Specialist
Cindy Conner - Manager, FAA System Support Center
Brad Watson - Station Manager, Air Midwest
Kat Hughes – Tribune
Greg Dingrando – KMIZ
Kate Springer – KOMU
KRCG
Mark Caldwell – Visitor
Mike Naughten – Visitor
Missourian
Scott Smith - KFRU

Excused: Randy Eckley

Absent: No One

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rick Shanker made the motion to approve the March minutes, Don Miles seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

EAS Airline Proposals – Discussion and Recommendation to Council. The City of Columbia will make a recommendation to DOT regarding the EAS proposals but the ultimate decision will be made by the DOT.

There were three airlines that bid on service: Mesaba, Great Lakes and Island Air. Mesaba would fly from Columbia to Memphis. Great Lakes and Island Air would fly from Columbia to Kansas City.

There was discussion from the Board regarding the proposals. Discussion regarding Mesaba included: Mesaba would use a bigger aircraft, Memphis is a hub which would give travelers more connection opportunities and Mesaba would provide a new option for travelers. Discussion regarding Great Lakes included: More frequency of flights, less expensive fares, access to more airlines, smaller aircraft would be less expensive to

operate. Island Air discussion included: The lack of an early morning departure would limit the ability of business travelers to utilize the service and Island Air was not in a position to change the schedule unless other factors occurred which could take up to six months if at all.

Rick Shanker made the motion the Board recommend going with the Great Lakes proposal, Jim Elliott seconded the motion. After some discussion Rick Shanker withdrew his motion. Great Lakes Monica Taylor, Director of Sales and Marketing and Chuck Howell, President made a presentation regarding Great Lakes.

The Board agreed that none of the options with only two flights a day would work. The only remaining Island Air options were eliminated because of the schedule. The Board voted on the remaining options: Mesaba option #3 and Great Lakes option #3. The vote was tied with 4 votes for each of the two options. A letter will be sent to the City Council with the Board's reason for support of the two options. Mesaba option #3 provides access to a hub, a new option for area travelers, more connection opportunities, and eliminates the need for additional security check-ins because of a secured connector between concourses at Memphis. Great Lakes option #3 offers more frequency, access to more airlines, and a less expensive option than the Mesaba option.

Mayor and Council Advisory Board Questionnaire: The Board discussed and answered the Mayor's Questionnaire which will be returned to the Mayor for Council consideration. The questionnaire is due April 30.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman B.J. Hunter at 3:00 p.m.