

MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
April 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Cecil at 12:30 p.m. in the North Terminal Conference Room on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

Present: Don Miles, B.J. Hunter, William Carner, Ron Craft, Matt Jenne, John Riddick, Greg Cecil, Annie Sobel, Gene Allen
Kathy Frerking, Tammy Puett - Airport Administration
Jill Stedem – Public Works Department, City of Columbia
Gary Laffoon – CORE Executive Director
Cindy Conner – Manager, FAA System Support Center
Terry Rackers – Central Missouri Aviation
Christa Brown, Melanie Loth – MU Journalism Students
Bob Taylor - Visitor

Excused: Leon Hoffsette, Randy Eckley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Don Miles made the motion to approve the March 3, 2010 minutes, B.J. Hunter seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The Airline Incentives proposal went to Council on Monday. The report was accepted, but staff has not been directed to take any action at this time. The Board agreed to wait and see what happens with the airline before sending any additional information to Council.

It was reported that Delta has announced they will continue flying out of Columbia with no subsidy from the DOT.

The Board would like to send a letter to Delta thanking them for jet service. It was suggested that the letter include facts such as the information from the survey that the MU class is doing. The students are expected to finish the survey next month.

Greg Cecil asked that the Commercial Air Service Committee, Airport Commercialization Committee and the General Aviation Committee meet and come up with ideas for the airport.

The Board would like to have a tour of the terminal at the next meeting.

Kathy Frerking reported that the new lobby chairs have been installed. The outside furniture (benches) and some panels around the TSA screening area are on order and should be delivered soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a question raised regarding promoting the Google high-speed Internet plan. Gary Laffoon stated he would look into this.

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In regard to the Airport Master Plan, the FAA knows that Delta has changed the aircraft used at COU to regional jets so there will need to be changes in how the pavement work will be planned to accommodate commercial air service during construction.

A copy of the 5-year capital improvement plan that was submitted to the FAA this year was handed out for Board review. Kathy indicated the Board could discuss their questions or suggest changes or additions at the next meeting so their recommendations could be submitted as part of the City's upcoming budget process.

REPORTS:

CMA - Terry Rackers reported they are managing two (2) new King Airliners.

Airport Manager - Kathy Frerking reported that the airline was planning to install two (2) additional kiosks for check in. The March enplanement numbers were good and the load factor was 76%. Kathy also reported that the FAA Support Center will not be moving into the building currently being used by Lockheed Martin so the City will be looking into other options for use of that building.

Gene Allen reported that the Fulton Airport Board meets quarterly, and this past Monday he met with them and explained some facts about Columbia Regional. On the morning of May 15th there is going to be a Pancake Fly-In held at the Fulton Airport.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Annie Sobel stated that the Board should continue looking into ways to generate revenue at the airport. There was some discussion regarding adding an airport tax on rental cars. The Board would like to know how much money could be generated from this. Annie stated that it would be important to let the public know that the tax would be used for the facility.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Greg Cecil at 1:34 p.m.