

MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
February 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, February 6, 2008.

Present: Jim Elliott, Don Miles, B.J. Hunter, Bob Taylor, Larry Foster, Ron Craft,
Greg Cecil, Rick Shanker, Randy Eckley
Kathy Frerking, Tammy Puett - Airport Administration
Jill Stedem - Public Works Information Specialist
Mary Ellen Lea - Acting Public Works Director
Skip Elkin - Boone County Commission
Cindy Conner - Manager, FAA System Support Center
Brad Watson - Station Manager, Air Midwest
Greg Dingrando - KMIZ
Tribune

Excused: No One

Absent: David Rosman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim Elliott made the motion to approve the January minutes, Bob Taylor seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER: Cindy Conner - Manager, FAA System Support Center (SSC). Cindy was present to discuss the functions of the FAA SSC. There are fourteen employees in the Columbia office, 10 of which are highly trained technicians that work on FAA owned equipment at area airports from Kirskville down to Maple, Missouri.

OLD BUSINESS: The request for interest letter regarding T-hangars has been signed by the City Manager and mailed to area aircraft owners.

NEW BUSINESS: The DOT has issued an order prohibiting Mesa/Air Midwest from terminating service until a new airline comes into Columbia and requesting proposals from interested carriers. Airline proposals are due to the DOT by February 29, 2008. There was some question as to what was being done to get a new airline. The Airport Manager reported that most of the direct communication with airlines is handled by the airport's consultant and that the discussions have remained confidential at the request of the airlines. Rick Shanker made the motion that when a new airline comes in that the City should guarantee the sale of a ticket if a flight is canceled so that the passenger would have their money refunded if they had to find alternate transportation. Jim Elliott seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the motion and the motion was defeated by vote.

REPORTS:

Randy Eckley reported for CMA that Southwest Airlines recently had a flight that diverted to Columbia for fuel. CMA wanted to stress the importance of the Airport keeping its ARFF index level with regards to fire fighting. Columbia is one of four airports in the state that can handle this kind of aircraft because of fire fighting capability.

Air Midwest - The airline has received notice they are to stay in Columbia until a new carrier is found.

Airport Manager - State Aviation Day is February 20. The Airport Master Plan RFP has been distributed with a proposal deadline of March 14th. The Airport hopes to have the Master Plan Update contract finalized by the first of June. The City Manager is planning to attend the March Airport Advisory Board meeting as guest speaker.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD:

Larry Foster commented that there is no reason to spend money on advertising until we have something to advertise.

Rick Shanker reported that Dubuque airport has the Bright Screen. They paid \$250,000 to obtain the equipment and, in addition to the purchase price, pay an annual fee for the equipment. This equipment is not easy to obtain.

Don Miles reported that there is a new avionics business at Jefferson City's airport.

Randy Eckley reported that Columbia Avionics received approval from the FTC to install special avionics. This was reported in the Aviation International News.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman B.J. Hunter at 1:10 p.m.