

**MINUTES**  
**Airport Advisory Board**  
**January 7, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Cecil at 12:30 p.m. in the North Terminal Conference Room on Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

Present: Leon Hoffsette, Bill Carner, Bob Taylor, Ron Craft, John Riddick, Rick Shanker, Greg Cecil, Randy Eckley  
Kathy Frerking, Tammy Puett - Airport Administration  
Jill Stedem - Public Works Information Specialist  
Skip Elkin – Boone County Commission  
Randy Clark, Terry Rackers - Central Missouri Aviation  
Janet Ford – Manager, AFSS – Lockheed Martin  
Jeff Brand – Northwest Airlines  
Brenton Daniels – Local Mesaba Station Manager  
Cindy Conner - Manager, FAA System Support Center  
Dave Bradley – Airport Manager-Jesse Viertel Memorial Airport, Boonville MO

Excused: B.J. Hunter

Absent: Don Miles

GUEST SPEAKER: Dave Bradley – Airport Manager-Jesse Viertel Memorial Airport, Boonville MO. Mr. Bradley was present to discuss issues at the Boonville Airport and general aviation Mr. Bradley congratulated Columbia Regional Airport on the success of the commercial air service. The Boonville airport has a partnership with the City of Boonville and as well as Columbia Regional the Boonville airport is currently working on their Master Plan. The Boonville Airport has self service fuel pumps, they sell about 50,000 gallons of fuel a year. When asked the price of fuel, Mr. Bradley stated it was \$4.76 a gallon, Mr. Clark from CMA stated the price for their fuel was \$3.92 a gallon. Mr. Bradley stated that fuel cost did not determine where pilots flew in. Mr. Bradley was asked about T-hangars and Mr. Bradley reported that the T-hangars at Boonville were built by the City and that they did have a wait list for people interested in T-Hangars. Mr. Bradley stated that he had considered privately building T-hangars but found that it was not a cost effective business.

Jeff Brand, Northwest Airlines and Brenton Daniels the local Mesaba Station Manager were present to answer questions from the board. Jeff reported that he was present to get any questions and comments and then take them back for answers. Jeff was also in town to talk to the State and University officials. Jeff reported if questions come up to send them to Kathy and Kathy would forward on to him. Mr. Brand reported that at this time he did not have any information regarding the Delta/Northwest merge and how it would affect schedules. Mr. Brand is going to look into why Columbia is not showing up on the Delta web site as a flight option. The check in time was discussed. Brenton reported that passengers have to be checked in 30 minutes before the flight leaves in order to get all of the bags screened as well as passengers. Airline personnel also need this much time to get the flight worked. A question was raised

regarding over booking and it was explained that many times volunteers are asked to rebook due to weight. Brenton explained that there have been very few times that a passenger has to be bumped, most of the time there are volunteers. Mr. Brand stated that there are 85 nonstop destinations out of Memphis, Kansas City has 50 nonstop destinations and St. Louis has 72 nonstop destinations.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** John Riddick made the motion to approve the December minutes, Bill Carner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to discuss.

**REPORTS:**

**CMA.** Randy Clark reported that three charters with 454 passengers flew out for the bowl game. Over all business is down.

**AFSS, Janet Ford.** Ms. Ford that five more facilities will be closing as of February 1, 2009. The hours of operation at Columbia are now 5:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. Ms. Ford reported that she is down to 20 staff members, when she started there were 54 staff members. Ms. Ford reported that the future of the Columbia station is still uncertain. Ms. Ford stated that if the board had any resources now would be the time to use them. Rick Shanker made the motion that the board should recommend to the council that a letter be written in support of the Automated Flight Service station be kept open in Columbia. Bill Carner seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the content of the letter. It was suggested that REDI be included since any business at the airport effects economic growth. Following discussion the motion passed. Ms. Ford stated that expedience of the letter of support is important.

**Airport Manager.** Ms. Frerking stated that the report that hit the media regarding a grant for the airport was regarding a runway sweeper. This grant has not been received yet, funding is available but the grant process has not yet been completed.

The parking lot was full over the holidays. This information regarding parking has been forwarded to the consultant for the Master Plan. This information was in the media because of an e-mail that was in the Council Current Event package.

Randy Eckley reported that the lines on the CMA parking lot are no longer able to be seen.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Greg Cecil at 2:05 p.m.

