

MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
May 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman B.J. Hunter at 12:30 p.m. in the North Terminal Conference Room on Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

Present: Jim Elliott, Don Miles, B.J. Hunter, Bob Taylor, Larry Foster, David Rosman, Greg Cecil, Rick Shanker, Randy Eckley
Kathy Frerking, Tammy Puett – Airport Administration
Jill Stedem – Public Works Information Specialists
Skip Elkin – Boone County Commission
Kevin Coleman – Tribune
Randy Clark – Central Missouri Aviation
Mike Naughton – City of Columbia Visioning Committee
Cliff Faulkner – Station Manager Air Midwest
Cindy Conner - Manager, FAA System Support Center
Patrick Lee – Visitor
Janet Ford – Manager, AFSS – Lockheed Martin
Norm Ruebling – MO-X
Mark Williams, Steve Pembleton - HNTB

Excused: Ron Craft

Absent: No one

David Rosman was introduced and welcomed as the new Airport Advisory Board Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Don Miles made the motion to approve the April minutes, Jim Elliott seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER: Norm Ruebling – MO-X. Mr. Ruebling stated he thinks it is a mistake to have all flights out of Columbia Regional go to the Kansas City airport because MO-X takes more people to the St. Louis airport than to the Kansas City airport (approximately 8 going to St. Louis for every 1 to Kansas City). Norm reported that travelers are frustrated because of the unreliability of the current airline and that MO-X is successful because they do exactly what they say they are going to do. Norm also pointed out that he doesn't think MO-X is the reason the airport is failing but that unreliable service is the reason. It was reported that MO-X transports approximately 85,000 people annually with 12 daily trips to St. Louis and 5 to Kansas City.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: It was stated that all of the planting that has been done around the airport looks nice. Kathy will pass compliment along to airport maintenance.

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A letter to Nick Shapiro was passed around for the board to sign thanking him for his service on the Airport Advisory Board.

The Board indicated they would like to have Council give them a more defined roll and more specific direction as to their responsibility.

Skip Elkin asked if there was a strategic planning group for the airport area. He thinks it would be helpful to have discussions with other groups such as REDI, area Chamber groups, etc. so future planning can be coordinated.

The City Council will be talking about the airport issues at the upcoming retreat.

REPORTS: CMA - Randy Clark reported that business is good. Columbia is the only airport in this area that has an attended 24 hours a day FBO.

Cindy Conner, Manager of the FAA System Support Center - Cindy reported that there is currently no ILS in Jefferson City.

Janet Ford, Manager of the AFSS – Lockheed Martin - The flight service station is currently closed and is scheduled to reopen June 11. The transition will be complete by the end of July. Rick Shanker stated that the airport needs to support the Flight Service Station so that it can continue to stay open in Columbia.

Airport Manager Kathy Frerking - The low bidder for the General Aviation Apron Rehabilitation project was Lehman Construction of California, Missouri. The contract is scheduled for approval at the May 21st Council meeting and a pre-construction meeting is planned for the end of the month. This is a 90-calendar day project which should begin shortly after Memorial Day weekend.

The Midwest Airlines codeshare will be in effect on May 6, 2007.

The Department Of Transportation has not yet made a decision on the proposed schedule change from Mesa because they are waiting on a letter from Jefferson City regarding the proposed change.

On April 16 the City went live with the new web page. Suggestions on the airport site are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman B.J. Hunter at 1:30 p.m.

