

MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
October 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, October 10, 2007.

Present: Jim Elliott, Don Miles, B.J. Hunter, Bob Taylor, Larry Foster, David Rosman, Rick Shanker, Ron Craft
Kathy Frerking, Tammy Puett – Airport Administration
Jill Stedem – Public Works Information Specialist
Skip Elkin – Boone County Commission
Mike Naughton – City of Columbia Visioning Committee
Cindy Conner - Manager, FAA System Support Center
Brad Watson – Station Manager, Air Midwest
Matt Gandy – Enterprise
Llona Weiss – Field Representative Office of Senator Clair McCaskill

Excused: Greg Cecil, Randy Eckley

Absent: No One.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Rosman made the motion to approve the September minutes, Jim Elliott seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER. Llona Weiss – Field Representative Office of Senator Clair McCaskill. Ms. Weiss was present to give a Legislative update on aviation issues that Senator McCaskill is involved with. Some of the issues include: Air Traffic control needs to be upgraded, and funding for the Airport Improvement Program and Essential Air Service programs. Senator McCaskill is aware of challenges that Columbia Regional Airport faces and is very interested in the Board's thoughts and welcomes their input. Senator McCaskill is interested in helping this airport as much as possible. Ms Weiss reported that there are links on Senator McCaskill website that will direct you to websites regarding grants available for airports.

OLD BUSINESS: It was reported that people have tried to get flights out of Columbia to Kansas City and they are still being told by US Airways that there is no service out of Columbia. Kathy reported that she has contacted the airline about this on numerous occasions. It was suggested that the airline counter phone number be listed on the web site so that it is easier for people to get a hold of airline personnel. Brad Watson, the new station manager for Air Midwest, is going to look at the airport's web site and make suggestions on ways to improve it.

A list of contact names and numbers has been received from the consultant so that the Request for Interest for additional commercial air service can be sent out. The letter

prepared by the Board and the contact information has been forwarded to the City Manager's office.

The contact information for the Request for Interest letters for T-hangars is still being compiled and will be forwarded to the City Manager's office as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS. There was no new business to discuss.

REPORTS. Brad Watson, Station Manager for Air Midwest – Brad reported that he was glad to be back in Columbia after being the station manager in Kirksville for the past year. Brad is a previous employee of Ozark Airlines and Trans States.

Cindy Conner, Manager, FAA System Support Center – Cindy reported the MALSAR flight check passed on September 22, 2007. At the present time there is no funding for new radar in control tower.

Mike Naughton, Columbia Visioning – Mike reported that the Visioning project is complete and the consultants will be sending a report to the City Council. The Airport was one of the top three vote getters in requesting additional airline service.

Kathy Frerking, Airport Manager – Kathy reported that the General Aviation Apron Rehabilitation project is nearing completion and that there is still about a week of concrete cure time remaining before the apron can be reopened. The taxiway will open within two weeks and there is still a one day pavement painting job to do. The entire project should be complete the first part of November.

The new restaurant opened last weekend. Skyline Café is now open 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD.

Skip Elkin asked about expanded bus service to the airport. Kathy reported that according to the Transit Master Plan the new service is scheduled to start in January 2008.

Ron Craft reported that the main runway at the Jefferson City airport will close tomorrow for construction. It is scheduled to remain closed until November 20.

Rick Shanker asked if increased business activity was being solicited for the airport. The Board identified this as a project that REDI would be involved with.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman B.J. Hunter at 1:15 p.m.