

MINUTES
Airport Advisory Board
September 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Cecil at 12:30 p.m. in the North Terminal Conference Room on Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

Present: Don Miles, Leon Hoffsette, B.J. Hunter, Bill Carner, Bob Taylor, Ron Craft, John Riddick, Greg Cecil, Rick Shanker, Randy Eckley
Kathy Frerking, Tammy Puett - Airport Administration
Skip Elkin - Boone County Commission
Jill Stedem - Public Works Information Specialist
John Glascock - City of Columbia, Public Works
Cindy Conner - Manager, FAA System Support Center
Randy Clark, Terry Rackers - Central Missouri Aviation
Brenton Daniels - Mesaba Airlines Station Manager
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Excused: No One.

John Riddick was introduced as the new member of the Airport Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Carner made the motion to approve the August minutes, Leon Hoffsette seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: The apron project is progressing well. The project is currently one week ahead of schedule. The inspector for the project is available for a tour and questions after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The airline is doing well. Kathy Frerking asked that any feedback that is received be passed on to her, preferably in written form, for possible use in future advertisements for the service. The advanced bookings to date are at 38% load factors. There has been one delay due to weather in Memphis. Northwest is very pleased thus far with the numbers. There was a question raised as to where travelers were coming from that were using the airport. Kathy indicated that was information the airport usually doesn't receive from the airline but that there is already a questionnaire available at the airline counter for travelers to complete so the question regarding where they are traveling from will be added.

REPORTS:

CMA - Randy Clark reported they are pleased with the construction progress that has been made on the ramp. CMA had recently been contacted regarding evacuees being flown to Columbia because of the hurricane. Randy pointed out that, although the plan to do so was canceled at the last minute, it is good to know that Columbia is available for these types of situations. CMA is still having ongoing communications with City regarding their leases. Traffic has been slow due to weather and the cost of fuel. The cost of fuel today is \$5.60 per gallon.

Airport Manager - Kathy Frerking reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new airline went very well and there was good representation from surrounding communities. The Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau did a very good job of getting the word out.

There will be a Vision Showcase, in connection with the City's Visioning project, on Thursday, September 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Missouri Theatre. The airport will be one of the featured City operations at this event.

November 18th has been set for a tentative date for the next Master Plan meeting. At the October meeting the Board may want to discuss the possibility of changing the date of the November Board meeting to November 19th so the consultants can attend the meeting to discuss the Master Plan in greater detail.

Don Miles asked about a Fulton representative for the board. Kathy is going to check with Kristi Ray from the Chamber of Commerce to see if she could get the name of a contact person in Fulton.

Don Miles reported there is a 25 question on-line survey from the FAA regarding the Boonville Master Plan and thought it would be a good idea to have a similar survey as part of Columbia Regional's Master Plan Update.

Greg Cecil reported that he hoped to have more information prior to the next meeting regarding the Master Plan so that the Board can be better prepared to voice its opinion. The draft reports for the first phase of work should be ready in approximately 2-3 weeks. Greg reported that he may try to set up some meetings with subcommittee members.

COMMENTS BY BOARD:

John Riddick asked about T-hangars. It was discussed that surveys had gone out to see if there was much interest among aircraft owners but there was not much response. T-hangars will be discussed in further detail during the Master Plan project.

Terry Rackers reported CMA has looked at the possibility of constructing T-hangars but the numbers have never come close to breaking even. Terry reported that other communities get subsidies to build T-hangars.

Kathy Frerking reported that she was contacted by Skip Elkin regarding the possibility of relocating the beacon from the original Columbia airport, Columbia Municipal Airport, to Columbia Regional so it can remain in Boone County. It was stated that they would like to move the beacon to the airport and locate it between the main and north terminal. The beacon is currently sitting at the Boone County Fair Grounds. John Riddick made the motion to accept the beacon at the airport, B.J. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Greg Cecil at 1:29 p.m.