

**MINUTES**  
**Airport Advisory Board**  
**September 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, September 5, 2007.

Present: Jim Elliott, Don Miles, B.J. Hunter, Bob Taylor, Larry Foster, David Rosman, Greg Cecil, Rick Shanker, Randy Eckley, 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  
Kevin Coleman – Tribune  
Columbia Missourian  
Sid Silvey – DHL  
Cliff Faulkner – Station Manager Air Midwest

Excused: No One.

Absent: No One.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Requests for Interest for Commercial Air Service -

There was discussion regarding the draft letters for air service submitted by both Greg Cecil and David Rosman. Rick Shanker made the motion that the letter not state specific destinations, Randy Eckley seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Taylor made the motion that the letter Greg Cecil wrote be supported with the change of CRA to COU, Don Miles seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Kathy will make the changes and send the letter to the City Council for their consideration. There was also discussion regarding the need for an airline to fly to a major hub that could also serve as a primary destination for travelers in the region.

Requests for Interest for T-Hangar Development -

It was suggested that the part of the letter stating funding was not currently budgeted for construction of a ramp and connecting taxiway, if needed, be removed from the letter, and that the letter be sent to contractors as well as registered aircraft owners and advertised in a local newspaper. Rick Shanker made the motion to approve the letter with the changes, Don Miles seconded the motion and the motion passed. This letter will be sent to the City Council.

Rick Shanker asked Cindy Conner about the status of the new radar system in the Control Tower. Cindy Conner reported that a request had been submitted but funding was not available at this time.

Jim Elliott asked that the letter that is sent to all guest speakers be revised. He requested the word "personally" be removed from the letter, and the Board concurred.

David Rosman indicated he would like to have someone from Senator Bond's office invited to speak to the Board since they had already issued an invitation for a representative from Senator McCaskill's office to speak at the October meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

David Rosman proposed a one voice policy regarding media communications. The Board agreed that when they spoke individually to media they were representing themselves, not the Board, and the Board indicated a policy regarding this was not necessary.

Bob Taylor suggested the Board send a letter to the Council recommending they not rush into changing the name of the airport. Since the Board has already asked the Council to consider a name change, the Board decided that it was not appropriate to now ask them to delay discussion of a name change. Bob Taylor made the motion to send the letter and Larry Foster seconded the motion, but the motion did not pass.

#### REPORTS:

Cindy Conner, Manager FAA System Support Center – Cindy reported that the MALSIR project was almost complete and that flight checks are scheduled for the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Frerking Airport Manager - Kathy brought up the recently reported news of the City Manager's discussions with representatives of the University, Jefferson City, and the Lake to work towards building a regional partnership that would be willing to consider contributing towards a revenue guarantee package to encourage additional commercial air service. She mentioned that, although she had not personally been involved in the discussions, this was great news for the airport and was supported by the fact the Council had indicated at their last retreat that the airport would be a priority during the next budget year.

An airline schedule change went into effect today. The schedule was slightly changed to reflect schedule changes that have occurred at Kansas City. The biggest change to COU's schedule was reflected with the weekend schedule.

Concrete work has started on the GA apron and pouring is scheduled to be complete by the end of the month. If so, the apron would be available for use by the end of October.

The airport's restaurant closed August 17<sup>th</sup> and the City requested proposals for another restaurant business. We were fortunate to receive a bid from the former owner of Bren's Café. Council approved the lease for the new restaurant at their September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and the Lessee has indicated she would like to have the restaurant opened on or around October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kathy asked that the October meeting be changed to October 10 since she will be attending the FAA Central Region Airports Conference during the first week of October.

**GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD:**

Don Miles distributed a handout outline AOPA's support of House Bill 2881 regarding user fees.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman B.J. Hunter at 2:00 p.m.