

**AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2025**

A meeting of the Airport Board of Trustees was held at 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Terminal Building, 2403 Aviation Blvd, Sioux City, IA 51111.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Skip Perley
Larry Christensen
Sarah Murray
Linda Kalin

STAFF

Mike Collett, Assistant City Manager
Amber Hegarty, Asst City Attorney
Thomas Hermann, Airport Supervisor
Melissa Uhl, Airport Admin Assistant

OTHER

Barbara Sloniker, Chamber
Darren Christopher, RS&H
Aaron VanBeek, Midwest Honor
Flight
Tammy Chidester, SkyWest

**MEMBERS
ELECTRONIC**

Joe Kruse

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

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MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave Kaplan
Faith Bradham

CALL OF THE ROLL

The Airport Board meeting was called to order by the Board Vice President Perley at 7:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kruse moved that the minutes of December 19, 2024 be approved. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Approved Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Set Rates and Fees Airport Housing effective April 1, 2025 for existing tenants and February 1, 2025 for all new housing tenants.

A Motion to Set Rates and Fees Airport Housing effective April 1, 2025 for existing tenants and February 1, 2025 for all new housing tenants was made by Kruse and Seconded by Kalin. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve Work Order 2023-12 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. to provide design and bidding services in connection with the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (95%FAA/5%Local)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve Work Order 2023-12 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. to provide design and bidding services in connection with the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Murray and Seconded by Christensen. Motion Approved Unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Projects Update: Working on closeouts with Sealcoat, NE Taxilane. One or two punchlist items on the SUX Aviation Center. Masterplan has been submitted the ALP to the FAA for final review. The Nexus program has the 65% design submitted Wednesday. Review meeting with the Guard is scheduled for January 28th. Gen. Osborn addressed the legislators recently regarding the Runway Project. There may be a state request for assistance in moving the project forward. The first week in February there will be several days set aside for the Sightline review with the FAA. The

95% submittal will be submitted in early June. Hoping to make the FY26 budget and will learn more soon.

SkyWest Airlines: Star morning flight is at 10am and will remain that time through February. Flights have remained pretty full, and pricing has been very comparable. SkyWest and Airport Staff are working on an evacuation plan. Preparing to post more openings for the station. SUX is currently in the top six stations for On-Time flights through United Airlines. Skywest continues to work on getting green tags on the jetbridge to help passengers move through.

Hawthorne: A New General Manager, Dave Skarnulis was introduced who recently started and comes to us from Lake Charles, LA. He is originally from the Omaha area. Hawthorne is currently speaking with John from IFlyUSA regarding a potential flight school. Looking at basing a 172 aircraft here. Dave Zimmerman (previous GM) is currently with IFly.

Oracle: Unable to provide an update. RS&H had nothing new to report on the fuel farm project.

ABM: Unable to provide an update.

185th ARW: Staff continues to meet with them two to three times a month. Busy schedule coming up.

Midwest Honor Flight: Aaron continues to get out into the Community. He was on the news last night, and on the radio. The SUX flight is now officially confirmed for June 3rd out of Sioux City. Still about \$75,000 short of the fundraising goal. Looking to finalize everything by May 1st. Met with Hawthorne yesterday as they continue to work through the logistics. The goal would be to utilize the terminal at 4:30am. Looking to bring in an Airbus 320 for 190 passengers. Considering the welcome home with 600-700 people at the Hawthorne Hangar. The Musketeers have been raising funds and they are hoping to fund a flight in the next year or two.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Halfway through our fiscal year and we are doing a little better than what we budgeted for. Currently looking at a badging software to bring back in February to help keep track of our couple hundred badges at any given time. Recently had a couple inquires on the chapel. Haven't received the approval yet to order to start the 60-day advertisement.

MARKETING- Operations were down for the month but still up 2% for the year. Enplanements are up 4% for the year. Weather in Chicago lead to three canceled flights in December. FAA Tower numbers we are current at 255 out of 264 to end the year. Climbed from 261 in year 2022. Load factors were good through December with future bookings looking decent. Recently had a conference call with ArkStar and staff will follow up with him after a meeting with SkyWest later next week.

BOARD CONCERNS- Perley asked if we had received any more concerns regarding passengers coming in with no car available with late flights. Staff recently found out that there are other certified taxi companies now that will be added to the board for options to call. Staff shared that if you directly call the local car rental companies, they will work with you on picking up rental keys afterhours.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- February 13, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, 8:06 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Sarah Murray
Board Secretary