

**AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
April 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

Joe Kruse
Linda Kalin
Larry Christensen
Dave Kaplan
Sarah Murray

STAFF

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

OTHER

Darren Christopher, RS&H
Col. Shawn Streck, 185th
Kevin Blosch, Air Museum
Jason Sanders, Hawthorne
Jay Hamby, Hawthorne
Joe Hansen, Hawthorne
Chris Harbeck, 1-Vision
Aaron VanBeek, Midwest Honor Flight
Dave Poole, Oracle Aviation
Bob Negus, Oracle Aviation
Julie Negus, Oracle Aviation

**MEMBERS
ELECTRONIC**

Skip Perley

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Faith Bradham

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kaplan moved that the minutes of March 20, 2025, be approved. Seconded by Christensen. Motion Approved Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the South Apron Reconstruction Phase 1 Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (City Project No. 7486-749-144 / IDOT No. 91250SUX100).

A Motion to Recommendation to the City Council to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the South Apron Reconstruction Phase 1 Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (City Project No. 7486-749-144 / IDOT No. 91250SUX100) was made by Murray and Seconded by Kalin. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve the Special Events Form and Packet for the Midwest Honor Flight Mission 26 SUX on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, pending City Legal approval of Insurance Requirements and contingent upon commercial air service needs.

A Motion Approve the Special Events Form and Packet for the Midwest Honor Flight Mission 26 SUX on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, pending City Legal approval of Insurance Requirements and contingent upon commercial air service needs was made by Murray and Seconded by Kalin. Motion Approved Unanimously. It was noted that Legal has approved.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve an Iowa Department of Transportation Air Service Sustainment Grant Application in the amount of \$48,000 to assist in marketing efforts for FY2025 (80%IDOT/20%Local).

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve an Iowa Department of Transportation

Air Service Sustainment Grant Application in the amount of \$48,000 to assist in marketing efforts for FY2025 was made by Kalin and Seconded by Christensen. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve an Iowa Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Program Grant Application in the amount of \$400,000 to assist in phase II the South Ramp Rehabilitation Project. (67%IDOT/33%Local)

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve an Iowa Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Program Grant Application in the amount of \$400,000 to assist in phase II the South Ramp Rehabilitation Project was made by Kaplan and Seconded by Kalan. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve an Iowa Department of Transportation Commercial Services Vertical Infrastructure Grant Application in the amount of \$127,776 for Terminal Improvements. (100%IDOT)

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve an Iowa Department of Transportation Commercial Services Vertical Infrastructure Grant Application in the amount of \$127,776 for Terminal Improvements was made by Murray and Seconded by Kalin. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to City Council to approve the Contract with M-B Companies, Inc. in connection with the SRE Displacement Plow Procurement for the Airport in amount of \$630,934.10 pending FAA funding. (95%FAA/5%Local+Add Alternate)

Approve a Recommendation to City Council to approve the Contract with M-B Companies, Inc. in connection with the SRE Displacement Plow Procurement for the Airport in amount of \$630,934.10 pending FAA funding was made by Kalin and Seconded by Christensen. Motion Approved Unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Projects Update: Working on getting the Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Plans and Specs out the door. Expecting a 500-day lead time on that once given the go ahead. Master Plan is with the FAA and are waiting on comments. Currently waiting on a Hawthorne Hangar door warranty item. Working towards Nexus 95% design review submittal for June.

SkyWest Airlines: Unavailable to report.

Hawthorne: Introductions of Hawthorne executives. They noted that they have formed an entire new team of executives approximately two years ago. They have worked on revamping of their organization and of the safety systems. They have elevated many folks within the organization to higher levels. They acknowledged that the previous administration had some challenges including six CEO's within nine years. It created anxiety and they've made the necessary course corrections. They have rebranded five locations. One of these locations in Chicago just earned the best highest rated FBO of the Great Lakes Region that was ranked by flight crews. They are preparing to rebrand this location next under Ascension Name. They are currently in discussions with Oracle Aviation for an acquisition. They anticipate bringing the best of both organizations for a cohesive team. Looking to bring on Dave Poole as their general manager running the flight school program with Morningside University. Mr. Poole feels both the FBO's have suffered a bit and will look to potentially bring in charter services. Oracle will remain on the building and will have the relationship with Morningside University for the flight school. Board concerns included overall costs for services and fuel while remaining competitive and not a monopoly.

Oracle: Nothing more to report.

ABM: Unable to report. Staff noted they are replacing the purple parking lot lights.

185th ARW: Col. Streck noted Airport Board Members should be receiving the invite for the Change of Command Ceremony soon that is dated for June 8, 2025. The Nexus Project continues to move along with Brig. Gen. Muckey taking with him to the Washington Conference. The project is on target to be biddable in August, 2025 if funding is available. The unit continues to have resources around

the globe. The Contingency Response Group should have 62 folks onsite in a year from now. They recently hosted a career fair with 240 high schoolers who attended.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Recently did a final draw on the COVID operating grant. Staff originally anticipated drawing the final portion of this operating grant in FY26 but felt it was important to complete now to provide confirmation that funding was received.

AVIS Car Rental closed its booth and rental services here at the Airport and at their Gordon Drive location without notice in March. There has been new interest in a different company looking into the franchise.

MARKETING- February had a positive month, up 35%. Military and General Aviation traffic are both up. Currently moving up with the FAA Tower numbers from 256 to 250. Future bookings look strong. Rates are very responsible. Both the TV and radio ads sound and look nice. They appear to be working well.

BOARD CONCERNS- Request to bring forth an action item to streamline the voting of action items into consent or discussion similar to City Council with an option for a Board Member to pull the item for a separate vote.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- Revised to May 22, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, 8:22 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Sarah Murray
Board Secretary