

**AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
May 22, 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
Larry Christensen
Dave Kaplan
Sarah Murray
Skip Perley

STAFF

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

OTHER

Darren Christopher, RS&H
Atif Zaidi, RS&H
Anees Rahman, RS&H
Dave Zimmerman, Citizen
Larry Finley, Citizen
Col. Adam Carlson, 185th
Col. Shawn Streck, 185th
Jason Sanders, Hawthorne
Dave Poole, Oracle Aviation
Dale Klein, Citizen

**MEMBERS
ELECTRONIC**

Linda Kalin
Faith Bradham

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

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

Perley moved that the minutes of April 17, 2025, be amended to include Skip Perley in attendance electronically. This motion was Seconded by Christensen. Motion Approved Unanimously. Kaplan moved that the minutes of April 17, 2025, be approved as per amended. Seconded by Perley. Motion Approved Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Award and Approve the South Apron Reconstruction Project – Phase I with RP Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$252,722.20 at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (City Project No. 7486-749-144 / IDOT No. 91250SUX100) (IDOT 67%/33 Local).

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Award and Approve the South Apron Reconstruction Project – Phase I with RP Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$252,722.20 at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day was made by Perley and Seconded by Kaplan. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve Work Order 2023-14 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. in the amount not to exceed \$88,995 for the construction administration, resident project representative, and closeout phase services in connection with the South Apron Reconstruction Project – Phase 1 at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (IDOT 67%/33 Local)

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Approve a Recommendation to the City Council inviting proposals for the lease of land in the Donner Park Urban Renewal Area, announcing the intent to accept the proposal of Reeder's Rentals, LLC dba AVIS Rental Car, fixing the date for receipt of proposals, and for Public Hearing and providing for notice thereof. (Approximately 102 square feet of facility space inside the airport terminal and access to the shared parking lot located at 2403 Aviation Boulevard).

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Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to submit an Airport Improvement Grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fund the replacement of the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge at the Sioux Gateway Airport Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (95%FAA/5%Local+Add Alternates)

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to submit an Airport Improvement Grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fund the replacement of the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge at the Sioux Gateway Airport Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Kaplan and Seconded by Murray. Motion Approved Unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Projects Update: Finished recent design projects getting them out the door and RS&H continues to work on the Nexus project design. Shooting for 95% design completion by end of June. 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 16th. The EA was stalled by the FAA but was able to send the draft document to the KC office with the FAA last week. Waiting for their concurrence expecting back within the next couple of weeks. Looking to get a ruling or finding from the FAA by early August. The terminal roof replacement is coming along, they are waiting on the metal siding to be installed within the next couple of weeks.

SkyWest Airlines: Current General Manager will be relocating to Cheyenne on May 29th.

Hawthorne: Staff is preparing for the Midwest Honor Flight that is scheduled for June 3rd. Coordinating with the Air Museum and the 185th for summer youth events at the airport.

Oracle: Staff continue to work on the FBO consolidation piece. Morningside University has been officially upgraded to standard category for pipeline partnerships programs. They are no longer in the provisional phase. This required a minimum of 10 students who passed their exams with an 80% or better. They made it through that along with all the other hurdles, now officially a standard category 141 flight program.

ABM: Unable to report. Staff will be onsite for the upcoming Midwest Honor Flight.

185th ARW: Col. Streck noted that Senator Ernst involvement in moving the Nexus program forward. Congressmen Feenstra testified on May 20th sharing that the runway must be completed. Leadership is expected to come before the leadership in DC for a State of the State event to share the design completion with anticipation to move things forward. Col. Finch will be relocating to DC within the next couple of weeks. Col. Carlson introduction back to Siouxland and taking command. He shared that he was at the pentagon for the last couple of years and his family will return back to Siouxland once school is out for summer. Reminder of the change or command event the first weekend of June.

FINANCIAL REPORT- The report identifies ten months through the current fiscal year and there isn't anything extraordinary, however the PFC's are up, and it continues to show in the monthly marketing reports. Staff/Board will continue to engage SkyWest regarding another flight opportunity. Last month the agenda structure was mentioned. The board directed staff to continue the current agenda form. Late last Friday staff received a document from Hawthorne to review for the Assumption between Oracle and Hawthorne. This may require a special Airport Board Meeting so it can be reviewed as the initial Oracle development and amendments that could potentially be inherited did not go before the Airport Board.

MARKETING- Stats show enplanements are up 33% for the month and 17% YTD. Operations down 4% in general aviation. Airline on time completions are down but 100% completion rate for April. Current load factors are 81% to ORD and 86% to DEN which shows the demand is there and the need for more compacity/frequency. Consultant shared that President Trump proposed to cut EAS in half or require additional restrictions. Staff will continue to keep an eye on that. The current EAS agreement runs through January 2027 before rebidding. Noted ads on the radio and tv for ticket giveaways are doing well.

BOARD CONCERNS- Kaplan noted Al Haynes Drive lines and stripes are really faded. Christensen and Kruse terms will end in June. It was requested to potentially include the presentation of the Wright Bros Award to Member Kaplan at the 2026 Joint Airport Meeting. Staff will coordinate this as dates get closer.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- Revised to June 26, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, 8:18 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Sarah Murray
Board Secretary