

**AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 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
Scott Plambeck
Paul Baker
Sarah Murray

STAFF

Amber Hegarty, Asst City Attorney
Al Lorenzo, Airport Manager
Melissa Uhl, Airport Admin Assistant

OTHER

Kris Aldrich, 185th Contractor
Dave Poole, Hawthorne

MEMBERS ELECTRONIC

Faith Bradham
Linda Kalin
Dave Kaplan

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

Michael Collett, Interim City Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL OF THE ROLL

The Airport Board meeting was called to order by the Board President Perley at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Murray moved that the minutes of July 17, 2025, be approved. Seconded by Baker. Motion approved unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to accept a Grant Agreement from the Iowa Department of Transportation for the FY2026 Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure funding through the State Airport Development Program in the amount of \$127,776 to assist with the final phase of the Terminal Roof Replacement, Boilers and Doors at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (Project No. 9I260SUX200, Contract No. CNTRT-00009012)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to accept a Grant Agreement from the Iowa Department of Transportation for the FY2026 Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure funding through the State Airport Development Program in the amount of \$127,776 to assist with the final phase of the Terminal Roof Replacement, Boilers and Doors at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Kalin and seconded by Murray. Motion approved 6-0, voting members include Murray, Kalin, Kaplan, Baker, Plambeck, and Perley.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to accept a Grant Agreement from the Iowa Department of Transportation for FY2026 Airport Improvement Program funding through the State Airport Development Program in the amount of \$400,000 to assist in the South Ramp Reconstruction Project – Phase II at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (Project No. 9I260SUX100, Contract No. 00008981)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to accept a Grant Agreement from the Iowa Department of Transportation for FY2026 Airport Improvement Program funding through the State Airport Development Program in the amount of \$400,000 to assist in the South Ramp Reconstruction Project – Phase II at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Baker and seconded by Kalin. Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Projects Update: South apron reconstruction first phase concrete has been poured. Expecting seeding in the next week. The next phases of the terminal roof and HVAC are in the bid process. Will bring back next month for an award recommendation. A project the Army Guard has been working on over the past six years in connection with constructing on the 10 acres additional leased from the city has started. They will have their own entrance similar to the Air Guard once complete.

SkyWest Airlines: Unavailable to report.

Hawthorne: Started identifying services under the Accession name. Things are going pretty well with all things considered. The tower has been working to help direct people to the north for those flying in. New signage should be up within the next couple of weeks. They anticipate a ribbon cutting open house with the rebranding once the signage goes up. Morningside University Flight School currently has 14 flying students starting this week. They were hoping for a few more incoming freshmen and some still may come within the next couple of weeks. Recently a casino charter came in and went through the terminal. Kaplan is reporting that the fuel has increased \$1 per gallon compared to others in the area and he is requesting more information regarding continuation as a member of Corporate Aircraft Association that took place during purchase discussions. It was shared that the membership was dropped immediately after Assignment and Assumption Agreement. Kaplan has concerns that the .09 cents per gallon in aircraft fuel the airport is losing from those who are flying through are no longer stopping. Poole advised that the direction came from corporate in conjunction with their overall business philosophy. There are current challenges with the program that make it difficult for FBO's to have membership when operators don't follow protocols. Any common traveler in the area is extended that discount pricing or better. That will be the company's position going forward. It was asked to share the discouragement and concerns with the executives. Collett asked for a formal email response regarding the discussions. The Oracle lease was assigned to Hawthorne. If the board wants to direct staff to include this membership in their negotiations for the future lease legal will want to learn more about what benefits it might bring.

185th ARW: Aldrich expressed nothing new regarding the airfield potential reconstruction projects. Still hoping once Congress goes back into session that it might pick up some traction. The State of the State will take place in early September, and this project should be listed as a topic of discussion. This project will also be addressed at the Governors Tri-State meeting again this year. The environmental assessment consultants will be onsite drilling and coordinating again in early September.

FINANCIAL REPORT- The report shows the first month of the fiscal year. Revenue and expenses are both better than the previous fiscal year. Two things to note with the conversion of the FBO merger are: the \$15,000 land rent is due now and the new farm lease has a lower annual income for the first three of the five years.

MARKETING- It is being noted firsthand, even with the delays and weather, that enplanements remain really strong. Collett and Sloniker had a great meeting with SkyWest in Utah a couple weeks ago. Learned that the pilot shortage is improving but airlines are experiencing more gate issues. Kaplan shared a recent marketing campaign at Rochester International Airport. Perley asked if there was data that is shared showing delays around the nation. SkyWest has acknowledged weather issues in Denver even more in the summer. WITCC mechanic program was shared with SkyWest and they were very interested in this program starting Fall, 2026. SkyWest shared that they feel the CRJ200 will fly through 2030.

BOARD CONCERNS- Kaplan asked staff to help address a pothole in the area.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- Next meeting date of September 18, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, 8:02 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Linda Kalin
Board Secretary