

AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING September 18, 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

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

OTHER

Darren Christopher, RS&H
Kevin Blosch, Air Museum
Tim Seaman, Air Museum
Dave Poole, Hawthorne
Aviation
Col. Streck, 185th
Barbara Sloniker, Chamber
Dale Klein, Citizen

MEMBERS ELECTRONIC

Faith Bradham
Dave Kaplan

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Kalin

CALL OF THE ROLL

The Airport Board meeting was called to order by the Board President Perley at 7:37 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Murray moved that the minutes of August 21, 2025, be approved. Seconded by Plambeck. Motion approved, voting members included Murray, Bradham, Plambeck, Baker and Perley.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to enter into negotiations with CC Properties for Airport Housing Property Management Services at Sioux Gateway Airport.

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to enter into negotiations with CC Properties for Airport Housing Property Management Services at Sioux Gateway Airport was made by Baker and seconded by Murray. The motion approved, voting members include Murray, Bradham, Baker and Perley. Kaplan entered the meeting at 7:40am and abstained from voting due to not being present during review.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to awarding and approving a contract to Winkler Roofing, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa in the amount of \$170,000 for the Terminal Roof Replacement Project – Phase III at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (Project No. 7496-749-154). (75%IDOT/25%Local)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to award and approve a contract to Winkler Roofing, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa in the amount of \$170,000 for the Terminal Roof Replacement Project – Phase III at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (Project No. 7496-749-154) was made by Murray and seconded by Baker. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Award and Approve a contract to C.W. Suter & Son, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa in the amount of \$307,550 for the Terminal Rooftop Unit Replacement Phase II (RTU Units 7, 8, and 9) Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (Project No. 7511-749-155). (100% Local Share)

A Motion to defer a Recommendation to the City Council to Award and Approve a contract to C.W. Suter & Son, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa in the amount of \$307,550 for the Terminal Rooftop Unit Replacement Phase II (RTU Units 7, 8, and 9) Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field

(Project No. 7511-749-155) until the next meeting provided more data is given was made by Perley and seconded by Plambeck. Motion approved unanimously.

Bradham exited the meeting electronically at 8:03 due to technical difficulties just after voting.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve and Accept the Grant Agreement 3-19-0085-078-2025 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$364,889 to fund an additional portion of the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (95%FAA/5%Local+Add Alternates)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve and Accept the Grant Agreement 3-19-0085-078-2025 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of \$364,889 to fund an additional portion of the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Plambeck and seconded by Murray. Motion approved by Plambeck, Kaplan, Murray, Baker, and Perley.

Approve a Cooperative Service Agreement Not to Exceed \$10,000.00 between Sioux Gateway Airport and the United States Department of Agriculture for Wildlife Management at the Airport. (100%Local)

A Motion to Approve a Cooperative Service Agreement Not to Exceed \$10,000.00 between Sioux Gateway Airport and the United States Department of Agriculture for Wildlife Management at the Airport was made by Baker and seconded by Murray. Motion approved by Plambeck, Kaplan, Murray, Baker, and Perley. Bradham abstained due to technical difficulties.

Bradham reentered the meeting electronically at 8:09 during vote of Cooperative Service Agreement.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve Work Order 2023-16 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. to provide the Soil Sampling Services in connection with the Runway 13-31 and 185th Apron Reconstruction Project (known as the Siouxland Nexus Project) at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (100% Guard Reimbursement)

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Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to approve and accept the FY2026 Air Service Development Grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation in the amount of \$48,000 to assist with marketing efforts at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (IDOT Project No. 9I260SUX135, Contract No. CNTRT-00009020)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to approve and accept the FY2026 Air Service Development Grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation in the amount of \$48,000 to assist with marketing efforts at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Murray and seconded by Baker. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to Staff to enter into negotiations with the MidAmerican Museum of Aviation and Transportation for an agreement regarding the removal and sale of salvageable materials within the former chapel for use in the museum.

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve a Recommendation to Staff to enter into negotiations with the MidAmerican Museum of Aviation and Transportation for an agreement regarding the removal and sale of salvageable materials within the former chapel for use in the museum was made by Kaplan and seconded by Baker. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve a Resolution announcing the intent to accept the proposal of SkyWest Airlines, fixing the date for Public Hearing in the Donner Park Urban Renewal Area and providing for notice thereof. (Storage Shed south of the Terminal Building located at 2403 Aviation Boulevard Boulevard).

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve a Resolution announcing the intent to accept the proposal of SkyWest Airlines, fixing the date for Public Hearing in the Donner Park Urban Renewal Area and providing for notice thereof. (Storage Shed south of the Terminal Building located at 2403 Aviation Boulevard Boulevard) was made by Kaplan and seconded by Murray. Motion approved unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to accept the work and authorize final payment to RP Constructors, LLC for the South Apron Reconstruction Project – Phase I at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (IDOT67%/Local33%)

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to accept the work and authorize final payment to RP Constructors, LLC for the South Apron Reconstruction Project – Phase I at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Baker and seconded by Plambeck. Motion approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Projects Update: Working through final payment for South Apron - Phase I. Currently working on the design of the South Apron - Phase II. Masterplan is working on the final round of comments. Will return all comments back to the FAA at the beginning of October. Should have a conditionally approved from the FAA by the first of the year.

SkyWest Airlines: Unavailable to report. Service has been better over the last month. An additional commercial flight to Denver will begin in January. SkyWest charter services that they have been working on for three years has been approved by the Department of Transportation.

Hawthorne/Oracle/Ascension: Letter from Poole was provided to Board yesterday. The new Ascension signage will be installed by the end of the month. Morningside University flight school is going well. Monitoring the University flight tracking. Working with the University for a marketing push for next year. Will be hosting the second annual trunk or treat event. October 4th is the second outreach event with the FAA controllers from the tower. Will plan to do the controller event quarterly. Agreed that it's in the best interest of all entities to bring in more air traffic into SUX. WITCC aircraft mechanic program should start next fall. Awaiting the FAA clearinghouse to provide certification. Calls have been made to our FAA Region to help move the program forward. SkyWest was excited to hear about the aircraft mechanic program.

Bradham exited the meeting at 8:40am.

185th ARW: Col. Streck reported that they've had a lot of F-16's through for painting. Last couple weeks they've been busy. The A-7 was lifted over to Freedom Park. They were recently involved with the State of the State with Iowa Leadership to Washington, DC. Siouxland Nexus project is still unknown if it will receive FFY26 national defense authorization act funding or a continued resolution for the project. The dollar amounts and phases are still something they are working through. Waiting to see if there will be a government shutdown with a possible answer in November. Leadership is still optimistic for FFY26 or FFY27 once it gets into authorization. Collett has been working with the FAA to secure 10M in FFY26 and 10M in FFY27. If SUX does not have the funding for the project secured the FAA will need to release from FFY26. The FAA requested direction in September. The FAA provided an extension through October. Funds will not automatically run into the next fiscal year. Fly 2075 project has the SUX tankers flying through year 2075. The Army Guard will be breaking ground on their new facility that is approximately 27,000 square feet to aid in maintenance functions.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Two times a year we have three payrolls in a month. Other than that, the financials would be ahead of last year.

MARKETING- Enplanements are down 8% for the month but up 9% so far for the year. Tower numbers has SUX sitting 257th out of 265th. Future bookings look pretty in step with previous years.

BOARD CONCERNS- Kaplan shared a fuel list that includes LNK aircraft fuel is currently selling for \$3.45 per gallon. Poole requested that fuel be viewed on AirNav. Every major airport has a fuel discount program. Agreed that there isn't one clearinghouse that shows the retail price of fuel. Kaplan shared that he uses JetFuelX (JFX). Kaplan expressed that the FBO is considering pricing off of fictitious pricing. Plambeck noted that LNK is currently almost \$2 cheaper on the Corporate Aircraft Association (CAA). Poole feels that cheaper fuel did not increase air traffic between 2021 to current date. Poole stated that he doesn't believe there is a cost to the FBO's for the membership to CAA however there is a cost to the provider. Plambeck asked if it hurts SUX to be a CAA member. Poole feels that the original intent of the membership was an accelerant for transient traffic to stop who maybe buying larger fuel volumes. The plan called for the purchase of 200 gallons to qualify, and local traffic didn't get the same pricing. Poole stated if the operator was to call and ask about fuel price, they would match, and a lot of times do better than CAA. Minimum fuel amount has an aircraft size variable. Perley is requesting that Kaplan, Plambeck, and Poole meet to see what more can be done to increase air traffic and improve communication with transient traffic and current customers with fuel. Poole will work on increased communication with current customers in regards to fuel costs.

Air Museum reported that their new entrance signage project was completed last week and encouraged everyone to check it out.

Baker asked if Legal could provide direction regarding an option to form an Airport Foundation or Auxiliary to assist at SUX.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- Next meeting date of October 16, 2025, and will be in touch regarding a date for the special meeting due to timing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, 8:53 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Sarah Murray
Board Vice President