

**AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 16, 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

**MEMBERS ELECTRONIC**

Linda Kalin  
Faith Bradham  
Dave Kaplan  
Sarah Murray

**STAFF**

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

**OTHERS ELECTRONIC**

**OTHER**

Darren Christopher, RS&H  
Courtney Schweigert, SkyWest  
Kevin Blosch, Air Museum  
Chris Harbeck, 1-Vision  
Col. Shawn Streck, 185th

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**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**

*Baker moved that the minutes of September 18, 2025 and October 1, 2025 be approved. Seconded by Kaplan. Motion approved, voting members included Murray, Kaplan, Plambeck, Baker and Perley. Kalin abstained due to not being present.*

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the Consent Agreement and Estoppel between Hawthorne Global Aviation Services, LLC and Wilmington Trust, National Association.**

*A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the Consent Agreement and Estoppel between Hawthorne Global Aviation Services, LLC and Wilmington Trust, National Association was made by Kaplan and seconded by Murray. The motion approved, voting members include Murray, Baker, Kaplan, Kalin, Plambeck and Perley.*

**Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the procurement of a Ground Power Unit (GPU) replacement with Oshkosh Aero Tech, LLC in the amount of \$63,145 in connection with Passenger Boarding Bridge No. 1 at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier Bud Day Field.**

*A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the procurement of a Ground Power Unit (GPU) replacement with Oshkosh Aero Tech, LLC in the amount of \$63,145 in connection with Passenger Boarding Bridge No. 1 at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier Bud Day Field was made by Plambeck and seconded by Kalin. The motion approved, voting members include Murray, Baker, Kaplan, Kalin, Plambeck and Perley.*

*Bradham digitally entered the room at 7:36am during the vote for the ground power unit.*

**Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the Subscription Agreement with GateKeeper Systems, Inc. in connection with the APP-139 Airfield compliance and operational needs at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier Bud Day Field.**

*A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the Subscription Agreement with GateKeeper Systems, Inc. in connection with the APP-139 Airfield compliance and operational needs*

*at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier Bud Day Field was made by Kaplan and seconded by Baker. Motion approved unanimously.*

**Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the contract to complete the Asbestos Abatement for the Airport Church, 2812 Niobrara Avenue at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier Bud Day Field.**

*A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council for the contract to complete the Asbestos Abatement for the Airport Church, 2812 Niobrara Avenue at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier Bud Day Field was made by Kalin and seconded by Plambeck. Motion approved unanimously.*

Board directed staff to issue a press release and hold church ceremony prior to the abatement work.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Construction Projects Update:** Working on finalizing plans for the next phase of the South Apron. Will do a quality control review prior to the end of the month and be ready to bid whenever the city is ready. Will work with all groups on how to phase the work in front of the hangars. Soil testing samples were compiled last week and they are sent off to the lab with results in the next few weeks. RS&H is working on the Masterplan questions. The Environmental Assessment requires a public meeting that will take place in November. This publication with comment period will begin soon. The terminal roof phase III will be starting today. The passenger boarding bridge replacement shop drawings are coming over for approval. The runway broom that was ordered last year was recently delivered.

**SkyWest Airlines:** General Manager is reporting that they are hiring seven more staff members gearing up for the additional flight starting in January. There was a letter regarding the government shutdown and the intentions from SkyWest. The date originally shared was October 12th, it was then revised to November 7th.

**Hawthorne/Oracle/Ascension/Morningside:** Poole is out of the office this week. Ascension signage has been installed. Trunk or Treat event is coming up. City staff installed a directional FBO sign on the airfield to assist with transient airfield traffic. The fuel subcommittee shared information with each other. Discussions will continue in hopes for better outcomes. They hosted the Coffee with Controllers event with approximately 40 in attendance.

**185th ARW:** Col. Streck reported that the FFY26 authorization is looking pretty good. Sen Ernst is still positive about movement. The appropriations for funding the project is still in question. The shutdown is affecting their staffing. Understanding the FAA needed answers that the 185th is currently unable to provide. Four aircraft and 100 airmen are heading out soon. Excited to see Chaplain Andy Nelson engage with City for the church ceremony.

**Airport Auxiliary Foundations:** Legal has been impressed with what was found while researching options. The successful groups help with air shows, fundraising, and scholarships. Other departments have these groups such as Parks & Rec who have a separate 501.3C who do their fundraising, who are not appointed by the city, and they have their own attorney. The Board directed staff to assemble a survey for the board, stakeholders, and city council to identify a need. Initial interests include engaging the community during events and holidays, work on replacement of assets, scholarships for aviation programs, and getting a better idea of areas of focus within the community.

**FINANCIAL REPORT-** Additional costs this month with transitions in housing. Main difference in airfield painting between last fiscal year and this fiscal year. Staff asked TSA to remove video playing in the check lane to avoid any violations in connection with the Hatch Act and federal funding opportunities with political messages.

**MARKETING-** The 2025 numbers are still up overall.

**BOARD CONCERNS-** Board questioned what each Hangar is called so that the FAA Tower understands locations. Mention of a numbering system once the Masterplan is fully approved.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING-** Next meeting date, the joint meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025, normally over the lunch hour.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, 8:21 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Linda Kalin  
Secretary