

**AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 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
Linda Kalin

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

Col. Adam Carlson, 185th
Jason Sanders, Hawthorne
Dave Poole, Oracle/Hawthorne
Aviation
Jared Derochie, ABM
Barbara Sloniker, Chamber

MEMBERS ELECTRONIC

Faith Bradham

OTHERS ELECTRONIC

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MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CALL OF THE ROLL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Perley moved that the minutes of May 22, 2025, and June 11, 2025, 2025 be approved. Seconded by Kaplan. Motion Approved Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve Work Order 2023-15 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. for the construction administration, resident project representative, and closeout phase services in connection with the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (95%FAA/5%Local)

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Approve Work Order 2023-15 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. for the construction administration, resident project representative, and closeout phase services in connection with the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Kalin and Seconded by Murray. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Award and Approve the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project with Story Construction Co., dba L & L Builders in the amount of \$1,848,527.02 at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (City Project No. 7487-749-137) (95%FAA/5%Local).

A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to Award and Approve the Gate 2 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacement Project with Story Construction Co., dba L & L Builders in the amount of \$1,848,527.02 at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Kaplan and Seconded by Perley. Motion Approved Unanimously.

Approve Recommendation to the City Council to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the Terminal HVAC Replacement Project – Phase II (Units 7, 8 and 9) at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (City Project No. 749-155) (100%Local).

Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the Terminal HVAC Replacement Project – Phase II (Units 7, 8 and 9) at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Christensen and Seconded by Kalin. Motion Approved Unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Projects Update: Contractor has started to mobilize for the start of South Ramp Reconstruction Phase I Project this week. The contractor started saw cutting.

SkyWest Airlines: New General Manager Courtney who has been with SkyWest since the station opened in 2020. A new July schedule shows the DEN flight coming in at 6pm and isn't ideal for connections. Staff continues to connect with SkyWest regarding flight opportunities.

Hawthorne/Oracle: The City Council approved the assumption of lease. June 30, 2025 they plan to close on the purchase with Oracle. They will be working on the integration and streamlining services. Oracle will still be on the field for the flight school partnership with Morningside University. They just got word Part 141 certification and the primary certificate location has been moved from Millard to Sioux City. Currently 15 new students registered to start in the fall program. Jason Saunders will be relocating to Florida. Participated in STEM Program with the Museum and the 185th. They plan to start rolling out the new Accession Brand.

ABM: Two speakers are being replaced at two different gates.

185th ARW: Col. Carlson noted that they are waiting on congress to pass the authorization and appropriation bills. Board noted a nice leadership change event in June at the 185th.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Number are pretty much equal from what we were at one year ago. A lot of delays lately to DEN with weather and mechanicals. SkyWest does not plan to include first class at this point out of SUX.

MARKETING- Operations are down for the month but still up YTD. General Aviation is down but the Military is up. Enplanements are up 13% for May and 16% YTD. DEN is reporting at 58% on time completion. FAA tower number stats are reporting 255 out of 264. Load factors are 82% to DEN and 86% to ORD. Shared that with REVv no longer on site and a month of strong winds and rain Oracle hasn't been able to get in the air much which contributes to the general aviation numbers being down. Shared that SDSU Flight School contributes 43,000 in operations to the airport.

Rolling out a new Coffee with Controls Program with the FAA Control Tower staff where pilots come in and ask informal questions and chat. Starting out with local pilots but will roll it out to the region once it gets going. The first event is scheduled for July 12, 2025 at the new Oracle/Hawthorne Hangar. The tower is also proactively connecting with students in the Morningside Flight Program offering tours. Looking for more engagement on the airfield and help to minimize runway incursions. In 2025 we've had three incursions reported so far. City staffing is offering driving tours to identify signs and markings on the airfield.

Bryan Bedford from Republic Airlines is up for the FAA Administer position, and most airline industry groups appear to be in favor of this. A vote took place yesterday in the Senate transportation committee. The City's airline consultant is also supportive of this movement.

BOARD CONCERNS- A special thanks to Joe Kruse and Larry Christiansen for their service with the Board over the last six years. All Board members will be required to complete an hour of training on open records in connection with new State of Iowa law. More information to come.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING- Next meeting date of July 17, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, 8:00 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Sarah Murray
Board Secretary