

**AIRPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 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  
Paul Baker  
Linda Kalin  
Dave Kaplan

**STAFF**

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

**OTHER**

Barbara Sloniker, Chamber  
Darren Christopher, RS&H  
Dave Poole, Ascension FBO

**MEMBERS ELECTRONIC**

Faith Bradham

**STAFF ELECTRONIC**

Amber Hegarty, Asst City Attorney

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sarah Murray  
Scott Plambeck

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

The Airport Board meeting was called to order by the Board President Perley at 7:33 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Kaplan moved that the minutes of November 13, 2025, be approved. Seconded by Kalin. Motion approved unanimously.*

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Recommendation to the City Council to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the South Apron Reconstruction Phase 2 Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field (City Project No. 7546-749-156 / IDOT No. 9I260SUX100).**

*A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the construction of the South Apron Reconstruction Phase 2 Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field was made by Kaplan and seconded by Baker. Motion approved unanimously.*

**Approve a Recommendation to the City Manager to Approve Work Order 2023-17 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. in the amount not to exceed \$19,546 for the design, bidding services, and construction administration services in connection with the 2026 Perimeter Fence Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. Future FAA Grant No. AIP 03-19-0085-079 (95% FAA / 5% Local)**

*A motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Manager to Approve Work Order 2023-17 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. in the amount not to exceed \$19,546 for the design, bidding services, and construction administration services in connection with the 2026 Perimeter Fence Replacement Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. Future FAA Grant No. AIP 03-19-0085-079 was made by Kalin and seconded by Baker. Motion approved unanimously.*

**Approve a Recommendation to the City Manager to Approve Work Order 2023-18 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. in the amount not to exceed \$19,220 for the design, bidding services, and construction administration services in connection with the 2026 Taxiway C Rehabilitation Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. Future FAA Grant No. AIP 03-19-0085-080 (95%**

### **FAA / 5% Local)**

*A Motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Manager to Approve Work Order 2023-18 with RS&H Iowa, P.C. in the amount not to exceed \$19,220 for the design, bidding services, and construction administration services in connection with the 2026 Taxiway C Rehabilitation Project at the Sioux Gateway Airport/Brigadier General Bud Day Field. Future FAA Grant No. AIP 03-19-0085-080 was made by Kalin and seconded by Kaplan. Motion approved unanimously.*

### **Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit an Airport Terminal Grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fund the 2026 Airport Terminal Improvements Project (Project No. 749-157) at the Sioux Gateway Airport / Brigadier General Bud Day Field. (90%Grant/10%Local)**

*A motion to Approve a Recommendation to the City Council to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit an Airport Terminal Grant application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fund the 2026 Airport Terminal Improvements Project (Project No. 749-157) 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:** Phase II South Apron opens bids prior to the next board meeting. Plan to bring that back and award to Council in early February. Will be scheduling a two-year walk-through for the SUX Aviation Hangar Project.

**SkyWest Airlines:** Unable to attend. Christmas Day the RON (Remain Overnight) will come prior to the 6:13pm flight. January 6th starts the new flight schedule.

**Hawthorne/Oracle/Ascension/Morningside:** Poole shared that he will step away from GM. He will be stepping into a new role outside of Ascension working primarily with Morningside helping build the program and helping with business development. They have been interviewing new candidates for the GM position. Morningside is hoping for 40 students next fall.

**185th ARW:** Col Streck reporting that the NDAA authorization phase House version passed last week. Waiting for the Senate. Project amounts were updated throughout for the full \$220M. Understand this may be fully approved by the end of January, 2026. FFY26 budgeting has 11M construction for the holding pad. 130 Military -personnel were deployed in October, expected to return in January. If funding works out, construction is expected to start in April, 2027 for the Runway and the Ramp. In 2026, there is a possibility for the warming pad to be bid and started. In 2028, is anticipated to be one Runway end and 2029 the other. The final public meeting was hosted last week for the environmental assessment. Last 60 day legal notice is posted as of today.

**Airport Auxiliary or Foundation Survey:** Assembled the draft survey of 25 questions, narrowed down to 20 questions. Tenants, Stakeholders, TSI, Chamber Board, Sioux City GO, Board of Supervisors, Explore Siouland Board, City Council, Dakota Valley Business Council, South Sioux Chamber, Sergeant Bluff Council, etc. Requested that we also work with the Chamber to include all business chamber members that disperses to 3,000 businesses. Will include a return by date.

**FINANCIAL REPORT-** Property management company switched November 1st. The asbestos abatement for the church is completed. The FAA has okayed an option to relocate the church. Two entities have until December 31st or the city will begin the demolition process.

**MARKETING-** Operations are down 1% YTD. Military was down this month but remains up YTD. Enplanements are still up 4% YTD with one month remaining of stats. New flight stands out on the electronic billboards. Noticed it on Hamilton. Future bookings has DEN 62% and ORD 69%. Holding at 257 on the tower stats. Dubuque will lose all of their commercial air service starting in January. They do not have an EAS opportunity. The EAS agreement for SUX term ends in December 2026. Staff expects the DOT to start the bidding process in August/September. The third flight SkyWest is adding in January is not eligible for EAS.

**BOARD CONCERNS-** Nothing Reported.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING-** Next meeting date, January 22, 2026.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, 8:22 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Linda Kalin  
Secretary