



## **INDUSTRIAL AIRPORT**

### **Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting March 8, 2019**

#### **I. Call to Order**

The Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board met on Friday, March 8, 2019 at City Hall with the following members present: Pat Schettler, Chairman; Charles Allen, Mike Brown, Roger Brummel, Bill Reeder, Members. Absent: Charles Allen. Also present were Chris Weiner, City Manager; Gary Ecclefield, Airport Manager, Chris Weiner, City Manager and Susan Wettstein, Director of Community Development.

The 4:00 p.m. meeting awaited a quorum and was called to order at 4:39 p.m.

#### **II. Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Brown and seconded by Charles Allen to approve the minutes of February 8, 2019. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously.

#### **III. Old Business**

Board Vacancy – There may be a prospective board member.

Credit Card Machine Update – It was reported that Ottawa uses the same card processing equipment that we do. Gary and the Board will keep researching. The consensus is we need to sell more fuel.

No word yet received on KDOT grant yet.

FAA Grant - No word on grant (100% funding) yet.

Master Plan – Pat and Gary are trying to work on getting Mr. Knipp the information he is requesting.

#### **IV. New Business**

The Airport Manager's Report was presented by Gary Ecclefield. Other noted comments: Susan will have Troy Hart, Director of Electric Distribution, talk with Chris Weiner, City Manager, about bulbs on the green light and asked Gary to see what other airports use.

Air Fair – Susan shared a rough draft of a new flyer for the event. Pat asked that “Commemorative Air Force” be removed. Mike noted that the fun run will be a 1-mile run/walk on the runway at 7 a.m. He wants to invite the running club too.

Pat Schettler moved to go into Executive Session with Chris Weiner, City Manager and Susan Wettstein, Director of Community Development for the purpose of discussing the Airport Manager's contract. Mike Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Airport Manager Gary Ecclefield left the meeting.

The Executive Session began at 5:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The Airport Board reconvened at 5:40 p.m. A motion was made by Roger Brummel to retain our contract with Airport Manager Gary Ecclefield with a pay increase of 1.5% or up to 20-cents per hour, and that wording within the contract include the position as Airport Manager is to serve the City of Garnett as an ambassador to the community. Charles Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Other discussion regarding the position of Airport Manager is the board needs to develop a long-term vision for airport personnel and the value placed on this position. It is also important that everyone who lands at the airport, buys gas, or participates in special events like Air Fair be greeted by the Airport Manager as much as possible to help promote the airport and Garnett as a friendly place.

## **V. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Roger Brummel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Reeder. Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Susan Wettstein.