

Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting

April 7, 2022

I. Call to Order - Roll Call

The Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board met on Thursday April 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Garnett airport FBO. Members present in the FBO were: Roger Brummel (Chairman), Bill Reeder (Vice Chairman), Tarry Miller, Tom Horstick, Charles Allen, and Pat Schettler, Airport Manager. George Archer was present looking into possibly serving on the board at a later time. Gordon Blackie was absent due to a family issue.

Roger deferred to run the meeting to Pat Schettler and Bill took minutes. Pat Schettler called the meeting to to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present as all members except Gordon were present.

II. Minutes

The January minutes were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the January minutes as discussed was made by Tom, seconded by Roger. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

- A. We are in the middle of the Environmental Assessment Study. Pat updated the board that the site surveys are in the final stages with the archeological portion going on this week. Three engineers were digging 300-400 holes this week. There are some concerns with the overall Environmental Assessment in that they did have some issues with a Brown Eared Bat and Meade's Milkweed. The habitat really doesn't line up with our project, so it should be fairly short lived. The updated finalized date is late summer. After that is completed, we can move to the next phase which is land acquisition. Pat has been working with the engineers and FAA to see if we can use some of the forthcoming ODO grant money to purchase land. This should allow the city to not have to buy parcels of land in phases. There is a lot more work to be done on this and it is still fairly fluid.
- B. We tabled further discussions till the next meeting on the AWOS system due to there being no change and that Pat has been able to keep the system working part time. Soon we are going to have to work on laying out our future plans on the AWOS.
- C. Lester Yoder finished his first phase of his hangar and is lining up to start his next phase. The 3 phases are building the north wall, building the south wall with hangar door, and the concrete floor.
- D. No updates to the submitted 4 grants to the KDOT Dept of Aviation . The first one is to repair the FBO and shop areas, 2nd is to refurbish the fuel system, 3rd is to help pay for a portion of our land acquisition, and last is to purchase and move the fuel tanks at the power plant in Garnett. We should hear something by May or June.
- E. We further discussed the \$110k we are receiving from the FAA for the next 5 years in addition to the \$150k we receive for projects at the airport. This is due to the infrastructure bill that was passed last year that is to build up airports.
- F. The Easter Egg Drop event on April 9th is proceeding well. It looks like great weather for the event and all of the preliminary work is done or will be soon.

- G. The AirFair event in conjunction with the Square Fair on May 7th is also proceeding well. Pat was able to procure \$600 from the Kansas TGT funds to help advertise for the event. The Wichita CAF is planning on coming down with their Bobcat Aircraft to give rides.

IV. New Business

- A. We had discussions on whether to move the meetings to Thursday at 5pm instead of Friday at 5pm. Several members said they needed to think about it for a bit. It was tabled to the next meeting.
- B. We had a discussion on the future of the board with several in town members potentially retiring or leaving that we had several folks interested in serving on the board, but they are outside city limits. We have always had the rule that the majority of the members of the Advisory Board be city residents. We discussed talking to the city manager about the possibility of the amending the rules to allow more county residents to serve on the board. Pat said he would talk to the city manager about this issue.
- C. We spent some time discussing ideas for improving the airport through future projects. Several ideas were thrown out such as a new larger mower, hangar construction, a roller for the grass runway and a rebuilt community FBO for the airport. This was also tabled to the next meeting to give time to try to come up with some good projects to pursue.

VI. Manager's Report

Pat Schettler, Airport Manager presented his manager's report. There were no questions.

VII. Adjournment

There being no other business, Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes taken by Bill Reeder, Vice Chairman, Typed by Pat Schettler, Secretary