

Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting

May 13, 2021

I. Call to Order - Roll Call

The Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board met on Thursday May 13, 2021 at the Garnett airport FBO. Members present in the FBO were: Gordon Blackie, Bill Reeder (Vice Chairman), Tarry Miller, Tom Horstick, Charles Allen and Pat Schettler, Airport Manager. Roger Brummel (Chairman) was absent. John Helms attended as an observer as he is interested in joining the board when there is a vacancy. He has been a long time supporter of the airport and has contributed a bunch to the airport. He also helps with jeep rides for AirFair every year.

Vice Chairman Bill Reeder deferred to run the meeting to Pat Schettler and Bill took minutes. Pat Schettler called the meeting to to order at 5:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes

The April minutes were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the April minutes as discussed was made by Gordon Blackie, seconded by Bill Reeder. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

- A. Pat updated the board that the airport has received \$9k from the FAA for operating expenses and projects.
- B. The AirFair was postponed due to inclement weather. We delayed the AirFair till May 22nd. We are planning the same events with the possibility of a couple other events. The Wichita CAF is planning on bringing their T50 Bobcat to give rides. We are planning on airplane rides, Jeep rides, a fly-in, CAF plane rides, static military planes, food trucks and face painting for the kids. We are looking for planes and pilots to help. Tom also mentioned maybe taking pictures for the passengers after the ride.

IV. New Business

- A. The AWOS system needs to be addressed. The technician which covered our system has retired and he charged \$325 a month. The new company wants \$450 a month and give no assurances that they can take care of a system that is this old. The system is obsolete and parts are hard to find, plus it is an old Windows 2000 system that could fail any day. Our options are: 1) Decommission the system entirely, 2) Pay the company the new fee and hope it keeps working, 3) Shut down the certified parts of the system and keep using it as an advisory service and save the \$450 a month fee for as long as it works. At that point, either buy a new advisory service system or put in for a grant for a certified FAA system. Bill Reeder made a motion to go with option 3 and to bank the monthly fees we are paying to be able to help pay for a new system when the time arises. Charles seconded the motion. It unanimously passed. Pat said he would try to investigate how to make this banking of funds possible.
- B. Pat updated the board on our meetings held between the FAA and the airport on the runway project. The good news is the project is still moving forward, but the bad news is that the FAA is requiring a full environmental assessment before land acquisition can start. He was hoping that we could get some type of abbreviated study done, but that isn't going to happen. So this is going to further delay the runway project.

VI. Manager's Report

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

VII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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