

Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting

July 14, 2022

I. Call to Order - Roll Call

The Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board met on Thursday July 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Garnett airport FBO. Members present in the FBO were: Roger Brummel (Chairman), Tarry Miller, Tom Horstick, Charles Allen, and Pat Schettler, Airport Manager. Gordon Blackie and Bill Reeder have both resigned from the board after both moving out of the area. Allison Benton and Don Nunguesser both attended and are interested in serving on the board.

Roger deferred to run the meeting to Pat Schettler and Tom took minutes. Pat Schettler called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. A quorum was present as all 4 current members were present.

II. Minutes

The April 7th minutes were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the April minutes as discussed was made by Roger, seconded by Tarry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

III. Suspended Rules to Allow New Business before Old Business

- A. Pat asked for a motion to suspend the rules to allow handling new business to address the resignation of two members. Tom made a motion to suspend the rules. Charles seconded the motion. It passed unanimously 4-0.

IV. New Business

- A. Discussed Bill Reeder and Gordon Blackie resigning from the board due to relocation to another town. Pat asked for recommendations for the board from the floor. Don Nunguesser and Allison Benton both have shown interest in serving on the board. Roger made a motion to recommend both Don and Allison to join the board and Tom seconded the motion. It passed unanimously 4-0. The recommendation will pass to the city commission for approval.

V. Old Business

- A. We discussed the AirFair 2022 and the Easter Egg Drop. Both were successes although the AirFair was a bit muted in that the main attraction wasn't able to attend. The UC-78 ran off the runway in Wichita. But the CAF is wanting to bring the plane down to another event if we can set it up for a possible fly-in event in October.
- B. We are towards the end of the Environmental Assessment Study. Pat updated the board on the progress. The engineers are investigating the issues with the 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.
- C. The AWOS system finally completely failed. Pat informed the board that the decommissioning process has been started with the FAA. It will take 2-3 months before completed. The board discussed a couple plans and the general

idea was that Pat investigate the advisory option and if there are any grants available to help pay for one. Roger made a motion for Pat to investigate the grant availability on an Advisory AWOS system. Tom seconded the motion. It passed 4-0. Pat will keep in touch with them and be ready to move on a good system if possible.

- D. Pat discussed that he is still working on the possibility of attaining another fuel tank.
- E. We weren't chosen for 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. I resubmitted the grants for a second round to try again.
- F. 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. We plan on using as much of this as we can for land acquisition.
- G. Pat advised that he is pursuing a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant. There is a small(?) \$5 billion part of the BIL that specifically addresses refurbishing small rural terminals. It is doubtful that Garnett will be picked to get some of this money, but he felt it is worth at least trying to get some of the money.
- H. We tabled ideas on improving the airport through future projects until our new members can be added. Several ideas from the last meeting were a new larger mower, hangar construction, a roller for the grass runway and a rebuilt community FBO for the airport.

IV. New Business

- A. No additional new business to discuss.

VI. Manager's Report

- A. 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. Tarry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Minutes taken by Tom Horstick, Typed by Pat Schettler, Secretary