

City of Lawrence

Aviation Advisory Board Meeting

May 14, 2014 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Born, Bruce Boyer, Jonathan Becker, Richard Haig, and Cheri Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Knudson, and Jeff Long
STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Soules
PUBLIC PRESENT: Lloyd Hetrick (Hetrick Air Services), Rick Bryant, Ed Young, Dean Kettle, Ed Martinco, Ron Renz, Steve Craig, and Rod Urish, John English

- I. Call to Order:
Richard Haig called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
- II. The Previous Meeting Minutes:
Bruce Boyer moved and Don Born second a motion to approve April 23, 2014 Minutes as changed.
- III. Discussion of NEON Tower:
Ed Martin spoke about the history of the NEON Network. Dean Kettle spoke about the University and its Field Station. Ed Young spoke of his assessment and the impact of the terrain, forest, and proposed tower. Found controlling towers that don't exist and there should be marking and lighting. Applicant is willing to paint and light, but the staff recommendation does not include that in the CPU.

The second tower issue was discussed. As of 5/2/14, the FAA is conducting an aeronautical study of second tower. KU is amenable to taking that tower down as part of the NEON erection.

There was a discussion of the 387' pnm climb gradient effectively eliminating any twin engine plane making an instrument takeoff on Runway 01.

Jonathan Becker moved and Bruce Boyer seconded the recommendation on Item No. 4 Conditional Use Permit; Meteorological Tower; 2060 E 1600 Road also known as the KU Field Station (SLD) of the 5/19/14 Agenda be approved by the Planning Commission with the following conditions:
 1. The height in the Planning Commission Report matches FAA study of 116' for the tower and 10' for the lightning rod for a total of 126';
 2. The Tower is lighted, Painted in conformance with FAA tower study and Kansas law; and
 3. The old tower (500' away) comes down concurrent with the erection of the Neon Tower.

The Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Skydiving Drop Zone Request:
Jonathan Becker moved and Cheri Thompson seconded a motion to table the request for future consideration. The Motion passed unanimously.
- V. 2014 Aviation Youth Camp:
Eleven (11) signed up so far. There will be an addition of a simulator module to the group of modules. Leadership Lawrence will be added to the end module of flights because their earlier dates washed out. There is no need for this board to meet again before the Camp.
- VI. Other Business:
There was a discussion of the deteriorating west ramp. KDOT money may be available at 90/10 funding to rehab ramp but not for parking. The deterioration has gotten so bad that Steve Craig damaged a propeller with less than 180 hours. There was considerable discussion of the need to get this prioritized as a budgeted item.

There was a discussion of the Environmental Assessment getting completed and the application for a fence around the airport in the FAA budget that begins October 1, 2014.
- VII. Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 24, 2014.
- VIII. Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Next Meeting time is 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, in the Richardson Memorial Pilots' Lounge at the Lawrence Municipal Airport Terminal Building.