

# City of Lawrence

## Aviation Advisory Board Meeting

### April 13, 2016 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Born, Jonathan Becker, Richard Haig, Gary Knudsen and Cheri Thompson  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Sneegas and Jeff Long  
STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Soules  
PUBLIC PRESENT: Lloyd Hetrick (Hetrick Air Services), Ron Rentz, Mike Roper, Rick Bryant, Kerry Adams and Jose Villarreal

#### I. Call to Order:

Richard Haig called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

#### II. Winter Runway Clearing Options:

Mike Roper, Airport Manager of Downtown Kansas City Airport (MKC) had been invited to speak on the issue of snow removal and cleaning. MKC will have several snow brooms available for sale shortly. They were acquired from Richards Gebauer Airport (RGB). They were military surplus and were remanufactured by MB in 1987. MKC will sell as surplus 2 perhaps 3. MCK has 4 units, the two old units and perhaps a newer one. The older units were parked at RGB for many years at RGB in a hangar. When Port Authority of KC took possession of RGB, the units were transferred to MKC. They spent some time in storage and have had some repairs. The ones for sale are non-electronic, so they are expected to continue to run with continuing maintenance and repair.

When the snow comes, MKC has four units for snow removal. One unit is for the streets, one for parking lots and two for the airfield. One operations person, generally Mike Roper does friction test. Mike Roper is of the mind that snow brooms are most effective. They are tow behind, with 14' steel blades or 16' rubber blades. MKC has a chemical truck but doesn't use it much. They attempt to keep open a centerline with a width of 50'.

Mike Roper answered many questions about the use of a combination of chemicals, plows and brooms. The cost of chemicals made its use for one pass an effective enhancement of plows and brooms. Ron Rentz estimated that it would cost approximately \$3,000 to do our runway. Mike Roper felt that the best option was the broom to address the variety of weather events including snow, sleet, slush and the avoidance of snow being turned into ice. Mike Roper spoke about dealing with dropped bristles getting removed by magnetic bar and blown jet wash. Mike Roper also spoke about the use of certificated sand.

Mike Roper emphasized that brooms may have to be changed once a year. Disks have to be put on with forklift in a vertical position.

After the discussion with Mike Roper, Chairman Haig thanked him for his visit today and it was proposed that Lawrence needed to inspect the equipment and get a plan to purchase.

- III. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes: After review Cheri Thompson moved and Gary Knudson seconded approval of the minutes from February 10, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Airport Manager's Report:
  - A. Consultant Selection-

Chuck Soules reported the RFQ for Engineering Services had been approved by the City Commission. The Selection Committee of Jeff Long and Richard Haig needed to review and perhaps interview applicants and make a recommendation to the Aviation Advisory Board with further interviews as necessary with the full board.
  - B. Aviation Camp-

The date, May 21, 2016, is set. The City needs to inventory shirts, and order new ones if necessary at least two weeks before the Camp. No one is registered to date, but in the past most registrations come in the last three weeks. The 99s and Jayhawk Modelmasters will do 2 of the 5 modules; someone needs to contact Rick Katzfey to do the weather module.
  - C. Hamm's Gas Line Update-

The Army Corps of Engineers has received the plan and are reviewing it. If approved, the gas line will be going around airport and not involve getting FAA approval.
  - D. 2017 Budget-

Commissioner Boley has asked questions regarding leases, revenues, budget and etc. for 2017. After discussion it was decided that the new commissioners and the new city manager need to be invited to an Advisory Board.
  - E. Access to the West Side of the Hangars-

The roadway that Lifestar had identified as the way some trespassers had gotten onto the field and into LifeStar equipment has been removed, so Lifestar is happy.
- V. Wind Energy:

Chuck Soules passed out the proposed text amendment that County Commission has sent back to the planning staff. Discussion suggested that we need to invite planning staff to the next meeting to make sure the staff takes into account the Airport Hazard District, and setbacks are appropriate in case of an engine out occurrence
- VI. FBO Report:

Lloyd Hetrick shared some 1969 National Air Show flyers he had found in some old files. The flyers will be preserved. He reported he is keeping track of traffic and fuel flowage tickets to keep a more accurate count of the usage. He noted that a customer with a deteriorating prop laid the blame on the airport taxiways. Lloyd Hetrick said the purchase of the surplus broom from MKC could also be used to remove the detritus on the taxiways, runways and parking area.
- VII. Other Items:

None

VIII. Next Meeting Date and Time: May 18, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Richardson Lounge

IX. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Next Meeting time is 6:30PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, in the Richardson Memorial Pilots' Lounge at the Lawrence Municipal Airport Terminal Building.*