

Airport Study Session
WebeX Conference
Regular Meeting

Monday

11:00 AM

October 12, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Brett Wachsmith; Vice Chairman, Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Cory Wright.

OTHERS PRESENT: Benjamin West, Ken Grannan, Greg Zempel, Neil Caulkins, Marlene Pfeifer, Brian McElroy, Nancy Lillquist, Mandy Buchhulz, Taylor Crouch, Nick Zito., Brian Lenz, Terry LaRue, Kristin Ashely,

Meeting Called to Order by, Chairman Brett Wachsmith at 11:02 AM

Airport Advisory Committee Restructuring:

Study Session

Benjamin West opened with discussion regarding the reasons for restructuring the airport advisory committee and under what direction that was performed.

Two representatives from the Airport Advisory Committee were given an opportunity to speak, both Marlene Pfeifer and Brian McElroy voiced their concerns regarding poor communication, transparency and the inability to review important issues for the airport. Discussion continued regarding past concerns, and how to move forward, with clarification if the BoCC wanted to suspend the committee or not.

BoCC commented they do not want to suspend the committee at this time and further discussion for proper reorganization is necessary.

Reorganizing the Airport Advisory Committee discussion covered clarification on Committee responsibilities and review criteria. With input from Prosecuting Attorney Greg Zempel and others led to a motion by Commissioner Cory Wright as follows.

Motion by Commissioner Wright.

A motion to form a sub-committee that includes Commissioner Cory Wright, Airport Staff (Benjamin West and Ken Grannan), Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair, to discuss issues and develop a set of expectations and understandings around this with updates at the

November Study Session and Airport Advisory Committee meeting and a final product draft at the December Study Session and Airport Advisory Committee meeting with the final vote in January.

The motion was Seconded by Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Discussion continued to suggest a member of the BoCC sit on the Advisory Committee as a non-voting member to help facilitate productive communication.

Motion Passed. Chairman Wachsmith, Vice Chairman Osiadacz – yay; Commissioner Wright’s motion.

Hanger Lease Discussion:

Study Session

Benjamin West informed the BoCC on current lease updates and requested advise on how to proceed on development of revised lease templates for each type of Airport Lease. It was suggested to continue moving forward with assistance from the Prosecutors office and Airport Advisory Committee to develop these leases. Benjamin also discussed the need for future public hearings on upcoming leases, these will be requested at the next BoCC meeting.

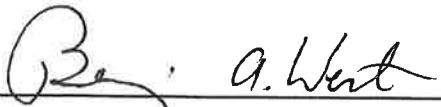
Airport Goals:

Study Session

Discussion of the airport goals as an update to the BoCC on progression at Bowers Field by Benjamin West. The goals included Airport Minimum Standards, Tracking of Critical Flight Operations, SRE (Snow Removal Equipment) Operations and Updated Lease Documents.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman, Commissioner Wachsmith at 11:57 AM.

DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS


Benjamin West

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman