



HALL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY | MINUTES
Study Session | January 15, 2014

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6 A Study Session of the Hall County Airport Authority (HCAA) Board was held at the Edith Abbott Memorial
7 Library, Conference Rooms ABC, 211 N. Washington, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801 on January 15, 2014.
8 Pursuant to proper legal notice, Board Chair Werner called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m., and
9 announced location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act for public viewing.

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11 AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER(S) PRESENT: Chair Lynne Werner, Vice-Chair Larry Hobbs,
12 Secretary/Treasurer Brian Quandt, Ken Caldwell and Joe Cook.

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14 AIRPORT AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Mike Olson, Human Resource/Accounting
15 Manager Annette Schimmer, Administrative Assistant Debra Potratz, Operations Manager/Security
16 Coordinator Doug Brown, Steve Magnuson, Assistant Operations Manager, Wes Harris, Maintenance
17 Technician, and Wayne Vian, Seasonal Worker.

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19 LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Airport Authority Attorney Ron Depue.

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21 Board Chair Werner thanked everyone for attending and that being a board member for eight years, a
22 member of the community for 19 years, and a private pilot, the passenger terminal project is very important
23 to her. The plans to build a new passenger terminal stem from the growing number of passengers using
24 the airport, plus the need and necessity to accommodate the future growth of the airport. The increased
25 number of people using the airport over the years has caused crowding in the 60 year old 6,280 sq. ft.
26 terminal. In 2008 a 1,750 sq. ft. addition was built to hold passengers once they went through security
27 screening, but the facility is still too small for the passenger demand. Since the addition of Allegiant flights
28 to Las Vegas, NV and Phoenix-Mesa, AZ along with American Eagles flights to Dallas Fort Worth, TX, the
29 number of boardings have grown drawing travelers from across Nebraska and neighboring states. An
30 additional 647 parking stalls have been added for a total of 1,140 parking stalls to accommodate the
31 increased demand.

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33 Executive Director Mike Olson commented in the month of December of 2013 the airport had almost 6,300
34 boardings. Ten years ago this was the number of boardings for an entire year. We have come a long way
35 due to a lot of hard work from staff and board.

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37 The Federal Aviation Administration requires airports to go through a process to justify a new terminal. The
38 Terminal Area Master Plan provided the framework needed to guide future development for the Airport.
39 The new terminal will be 34,000 sq. ft. and designed to not only meet the current needs, but is also
40 expandable for future growth. The new terminal will have plenty space for customers and employees, and
41 provide a better flow. Passengers will enjoy a covered jet bridge when boarding planes. The canopy in
42 front will be great for picking up or dropping off friends and family. The building will be designed for
43 sustainability by using geothermal heating and cooling. The new terminal is estimated to cost \$10.5 million
44 with construction to begin later this year and open in late 2015 or early 2016.

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46 Mead & Hunt architect Matt Dubbe presented a PowerPoint and explained the design of the new airport
47 which reflects the community and region, and the people who use it. The new design will provide ample
48 room and relieve the overcrowding conditions currently experienced by the passengers.

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50 Executive Director Olson has been working with the city and county to lower the speed limit on Sky Park
51 Road at the airport and put up proper signage to warn drivers of pedestrians crossing the road.

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53 Once the new terminal is completed, paid parking will be implemented. The fees generated will be used
54 for airport operations.

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56 Renderings of the new passenger terminal airport were on display for public viewing. Approximately 50
57 members of the public were in attendance.

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63 Debra Potratz | Administrative Assistant

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67 Lynne Werner | Board Chair

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