

**Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority
Board Meeting Minutes**

February 25, 2026

Members Present: John Taykor, Dan Statema, and Eric Ellefson

Members Present Via Phone: Kent Cutler and Blake Curd

Staff Present: Dan Letellier and Richard King

Staff Present via phone: Kristin Elgersma

Guests Present: Tom Schauer and Mitchell Walker – Mead and Hunt, Alex Welbig – Banner & Associates

Guest Presents via phone: Brad Wilson – Insurance Benefits

Ayes and nays were taken on all motions, and all motions were passed unanimously unless otherwise noted.

Vice Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

1. **Minutes-** Blake Curd moved and Dan Statema seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2026. Motion Carried.
2. **Bills for Approval-** Eric Ellefson moved and Blake Curd seconded approval of the bills as presented. Motion carried.
3. **Consent Agenda-** Report on Consent Agenda items by the Executive Director. John Taylor moved, and Dan Statema seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
 - A. Approve bid to replace carpeting in passenger screening and exit lane area by Dave's Flooring America - \$66,111.00
 - B. Task Order with KLJ Engineers to provide Construction Admin & Oversight for the SRE Access Road Project - \$135,131.24
4. **Report by Executive Director-**
 - A. Passenger Traffic – January 2026– Passenger enplanements reached a January record of 60,346, a 1.1% increase from 2025. Total passenger traffic rose to 118,763 for the month. Available seats also increased by 4.2%, supporting the overall growth in traffic. Parking revenue rose 6.7%, driven by an .88% increase in total car count. Along with the increase in parking revenue, food and beverage sales were also up. Hotel, Rental Car, and Gift Shop were all down.
 - B. Construction Project Update –
 - a. Concourse Construction – A lot of progress is happening, and the project is coming along well. It is a little behind schedule due to the cold weather and utility conflicts that have happened. They currently have three different work areas they are focusing on with all the underground utilities in those locations complete. The electrical tie in from the rental car lot is

set to begin in March. The work on the stair towers and elevator precast has been completed. Concrete floors are mostly finished with work happening on some masonry walls. They are currently assembling the steel sections for the 2nd floor to go up next week followed by mass timbers and the roof. By March we should have a feel of the height on the new concourse sections. Work on the inside of the terminal will begin Mid-March which will impact the restaurants storage area creating a limited menu being available. We are hopeful by April of 2027 the base bid will be completed.

5. Old Business –

A. No Items

6. New Business-

- A. Liability Insurance Renewal -** Brad Wilson with Insurance Benefits provided the 2026 Liability insurance quote. The premium has increased from \$62,319 to \$74,612, driven primarily by a lawsuit settled last year. The policy provides \$150 million in coverage, similar to what has been carried in the past few years. Mr. Wilson provided several options to reduce the cost to the Airport by introducing a \$2,500 Bodily Injury Deductible (removes \$5,000 medical payments) with savings of \$6,219. The second option would eliminate \$50 million in War Liability Coverage which would provide a savings of \$7,319. Commissioners Cutler and Ellefson offered comments in support of some of the options to reduce the annual premium rather than just accepting the increase. John Taylor moved and Dan Statema seconded a motion to approve the insurance liability renewal as presented with no change in coverage. Motion Carried.
- B. Award bid to Soukup Construction for a project to install a new SRE Access Road - \$495,495:** Bids were opened on February 17th for the construction of a new SRE Access Road and automated vehicle gate on the north side of the Maverick Air Hangar. This project will improve direct access to Runway 15-33, particularly for our large combo plow/broom unit. Seven firms submitted bids, with Soukup Construction providing the low bid of \$495,495 which was \$75,000 lower than the engineers' estimate. This project will be funded with airport reserves. Eric Ellefson moved and Dan Statema seconded a motion to award the bid to Soukup Construction in the amount of \$495,495. Motion Carried.
- C. Approval of Temporary Construction Easement:** The City will be conducting Sanitary Sewer Improvements along K Ave, Blackhawk St, M Ave, and Cherokee St this summer. Some of the utility work will take place on our property near the Air Guard Fire Station. The City is requesting approval of a Temporary Construction Easement to complete the work on our property. Kent Cutler moved and Eric Ellefson seconded a motion to approve the Temporary Construction Easement. Motion Carried.
- D. Approval to move forward with Alternate Bid Items (ABI) 1, 2, and 3 for the concourse expansion project** – Following the recent passage of the 2026 Department of Transportation appropriations bill, the airport has been awarded \$30 million in Congressionally Designed Spending (CDS) for the concourse expansion project. This

funding enables us to advance the remaining alternate bids items (ABIs) that were deferred pending additional financial support. Director Letellier requested the board's approval to authorize Weitz/Journey to prepare bids for this additional work over the next 2-3 months so it can be integrated into the current construction schedule. While final funding allocations are still being refined, a preliminary distribution plan has been put together in coordination with Mead and Hunt and is summarized below.

Additional Projects-Primarily CDS Funded

Project	Year	Const. Est	FAA Funded	State Funded	Airport Funded	Funding Type
Base Build-GMP #3	2026	\$8,193,417	\$6,739,904	\$0	\$1,453,513	\$6,739,904-CDS
Concourse ABI-1 (atrium seat)	2027	\$20,833,545	\$17,137,674	\$0	\$3,695,871	\$7,137,674-CDS \$10,000,000-ATP*
Concourse ABI-2 (Circulation)	2027	\$2,655,788	\$2,184,651	\$0	\$471,137	\$2,184,651-CDS
Concourse ABI-3 (additional gate)	2027	\$4,567,721	\$3,757,407	\$0	\$810,314	\$3,757,407-CDS
CBP Build-out	2027	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000-CDS
CA/CO-ABIs	2027	\$1,211,249	\$996,373	\$0	\$214,876	\$1,211,249-CDS
Renovate Existing Concourse	2028	\$3,850,000	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$850,000	\$3,000,000-CDS
Term Apron Reconst. (south)	2028	\$8,500,000	\$7,438,414	\$425,000	\$3,109,215	\$3,969,115-CDS
Jet Bridge Purchase (3)	2027	\$3,185,753	\$0	\$0	\$3,185,753	Airport Bonds
Concourse Furniture	2027	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	State ATP-\$1.5m
Totals		\$58,497,473			\$15,790,679	

*ATP Award will be announced in mid-April, we have requested \$19.5m, hopefully to receive \$10m.

The allocation of the CDS will primarily be used for three concourse alternates, possibly GMP #3 of the base build as well as renovating the remainder of the existing concourse interior and replacing as much of the existing terminal apron on the south side as possible. Kent Culter moved and John Talor seconded a motion to have Weitz/Journey to prepare bids for ABI 1, 2, and 3. Motion Carried.

7. Open Segment – Time allotted for public comment

Dan Statema moved, and Eric Ellefson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 am.

Date

Secretary

Next Board Meeting: March 25, 2026 – 11:00 am