

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

January 28, 2026

Members Present: Blake Curd, Eric Ellefson, and Kent Cutler

Staff Present: Dan Letellier, Richard King and Kristin Elgersma

Guests Present: Jake Braunagel and Brady Brockel – KLJ Engineers, Tom Hurlbert and Cory Bleyenburgh– CO-OP Architecture, TJ Rolwing – Holmes Murphy, Brad Greguson, Tony Harms, and Christ Sunde – Standard Parking, Jesse Davey – Journey Group, Mitch Walker – Mead and Hunt

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

Chairman Curd called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

1. **Minutes-** Kent Cutler moved and Eric Ellefson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025. Motion Carried.
2. **Bills for Approval-** Eric Ellefson moved and Kent Cutler seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.
3. **Consent Agenda-** Report on Consent Agenda items by the Executive Director. Kent Cutler moved, and Eric Ellefson seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
 - A. Change Order with BX Civil & Const. for a reduction in the contract price for the Cargo Apron Expansion (\$142,219.19)
 - B. Task Order with KLJ Engineers to develop bid documents for the purchase of a new pavement marking truck. - \$26,754.47
 - C. Lease agreement with Wiltech Inc. for the lease of T-Hangar #1-4
 - D. Airport Rates and Charges for 2026
4. **Report by Executive Director-**
 - A. Passenger Traffic – December 2025– Passenger enplanements rebounded in December to a monthly record of 66,612, 3.3% higher than 2024. The airport finished the year 5.9% higher than 2024 for an annual record of 754,6876 passengers. Total passengers also set a record finishing with 1,505,874. Available seats increased 4.9% for December and 4.7% for the year. Parking revenue finished strong up 5.4% in December and 26.5% for the year. Car rental revenue continued a four-month slide but still finished with an improvement of 4.7% compared to 2024.

B. Construction Project Update –

- a. Concourse Construction – Work continues on the project despite the cold weather conditions. In the past month work was completed to relocate the gas line to allow for footings and foundation work up next to the existing building. Precast columns, walls and floors are also being installed.

C. Report on AAAE Aviation Issues Conference: Director Letellier attended the AAAE Aviation Conference at the beginning of the month and highlighted some of the items that were discussed.

- a. ATC Modernization: \$12.5B to update technology, radar, and capital improvements for Air Traffic Control, hoping to secure an additional \$20B.
- b. Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) – JOBY will begin experimental flights this summer in DFW. Position for use in LA during the 2028 Olympics. Delta is partnering with them to serve LA & NY.
- c. ROTOR Act: This would require small aircraft, even drones to have ADS-B tracking.
- d. Airport Security: Increased use in biometrics are improving rapidly. Utilized by outbound international passengers to expedite clearance on return. DFW currently uses facial recognition for employee access points.

5. Old Business –

A. Change Order 1.3 for GMP #1 of the Concourse Expansion Project - \$30,350.00
Change Order 1.3 for GMP #1 of the concourse expansion project is composed of two items.

- PR#8 – Electrical Generator & Overcurrent Protection- \$63,168.00
- PR#12- Delete Fiber in Concrete Slabs- (\$32,818.00)

PR 8 was deferred at our December meeting as the Board felt some of the change order responsibility fell with the design team and CMAR. Mead & Hunt has agreed to provide a credit of \$7,500 for this line item (although they believe Weitz/Journey has a share in this change as well). The credit will be tracked throughout the project and increased or decreased if savings are found and settled at the end of the project.

PR 12 is a reduction to GMP #1 as a result of removing fiber material originally planned to be utilized in the concrete floor slabs to prevent future cracking/expansion. The fiber was intended to provide additional protection from cracking, however after reviewing the concrete installers rebar and installation plan, the design team believes the fiber is no longer necessary. The removal results in a credit of \$32,818.00.

Eric Ellefson moved and Kent Cutler seconded a motion to approve change order 1.3 for GMP#1 in the amount of \$30,350.00. Motion carried.

6. New Business-

A. Request by the Sioux Falls Air Show Committee to approve the sale of adult beverages at the 2026 Air Show. The Air Show Organization has asked the

Board to approve the sale of pre-packaged/canned adult beverages at the 2026 air show. (provided by JJ's Wine & Spirits). The organizers did sell beer and wine two air shows ago with limited success but would like to offer beer and other canned beverages again this year. Since the event is on Airport Authority property, they are requesting approval from the Authority to move forward. They would utilize their own special event liquor license, not the Authority's. Blake Curd moved and Eric Ellefson seconded a motion to approve the sale of adult beverages at the 2026 Air Show. Motion Carried.

- B. Property and Auto Insurance Policy Renewal:** Renewal quotes have been received for property and auto insurance from Holmes Murphy. In summary, there was a very minimal increase in rate over 2025. Breakdown of premiums:

	2025	2026
Property	\$247,359	\$247,975
Auto	\$ 25,684	\$ 27,152
Employee Bond	\$ <u>1,509</u>	\$ <u>1,509</u>
Total	\$274,552	\$276,636

Eric Ellefson moved and Kent Cutler seconded a motion to approve the Property and Auto Insurance Renewal with Chubb. Motion Carried.

- C. Liability Insurance Renewal** – No information has been received regarding the renewal of our Liability Insurance.

7. Open Segment – Time allotted for public comment

Kent Cutler moved, and Eric Ellefson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 am.

Date

Secretary

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