Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority
Board Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2026

Members Present: John Taylor, Dan Statema, Eric Ellefson, Kent Cutler, and Blake Curd

Staff Present: Dan Letellier, Richard King, and Kristin Elgersma

Guests Present: Tom Hurlbert and Cory Bleyenberg – CO-OP Architects, Tony Harms and Christi Sunde – Standard Parking, Nate Synder – The Weitz Company, Jesse Davey -The Journey Group, Jake Braunagel and Brady Brockel – KLJ Engineers, Mitch Walker – Mead and Hunt, Dustin Sejnoha and Austin Sejnoha – Marlins

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

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

1. **Minutes**- Blake Curd moved and Kent Cutler seconded a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2026. Motion Carried.

2. **Bills for Approval**- Blake Curd moved and Eric Ellefson seconded approval of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

3. **Consent Agenda**- Report on Consent Agenda items by Director Letellier. John Taylor moved and Eric Ellefson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by the Executive Director.

    A. Change Order PCCO 1.11 with Weitz/Joury for changes to the concourse expansion project under GMP #1 – $10,825.00

    B. Change Order PCCO 2.9 with Weitz/Journey for changes to the concourse expansion project under GMP #2 – $38,893.00

    C. Change Order PCCO 3.5 with Weitz/Journey for changes to the concourse expansion project under GMP #3 – ($15,398.00)

    D. Change Order PCCO 5.1 with Weitz/Journey for changes to the concourse expansion project under GMP #5 – ($207,006.00)

    E. Task Order with KLJ Engineers to design the reconstruction of the south terminal apron. - $442,781.16.

    F. Task Order with KLJ Engineers to conduct pavement testing for runway 15-33. - $56,611.90.

G. Award aircraft deicing fluid bid to Cryotech Technology for the 2026-2027 winter season.

4. Report by Executive Director-

A. Passenger Traffic – August 2026– August passenger enplanements decreased 2.1% from the previous year, and total passenger traffic fell 1.9% to 119,686. Despite the monthly decline, year-to-date enplanements remain 0.5% above last year's level. Available seats increased 2.9%, but the added capacity did not generate the same enplanement growth seen earlier in the year. Monthly revenue increased for parking, car rentals, and food and beverage concessions, while retail and hotel revenue declined.

B. Construction Project Update –

a. Terminal Apron Expansion – Work continues to complete phases 4/5 out of the 6 total phases. Concrete paving is completed with joint sawing and sealing, topsoil placement and apron edge lighting planned for the next few weeks.

b. Concourse Construction – Exterior work continues including the installation of sunshades and metal siding. Paving of concrete around the new building is planned for the coming weeks. ABI-3 foundations and footings have been installed, precast concrete and steel to be installed over the next few weeks. All trades are actively involved in the interior of the building.

5. Old Business –

A. Approve new Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) agreement with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office. – Last month the Board reviewed the proposed fee increase by the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office to continue to provide LEO services at the security checkpoint and luggage screening area. Since that time, an agreement has been finalized for a new two-year agreement that will go into effect on January 1, 2027. The new agreement will significantly increase our annual screening costs by over $160,000/yr. Fortunately, the LEO Reimbursement program has been reinstated for the coming federal fiscal year which will minimize the impacts to our budget by a similar amount. Kent Cutler moved to approve the agreement for Leo services with Minnehaha County. Blake Curd seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

6. New Business –

A. Approve the transfer of the ground lease agreement from SF Hangar Properties, LLC, to Poet Technologies, Inc. – The Burwell family, former owners of C&B Operations, plans to sell its hangar on the west side of the airfield to Poet Technologies. To proceed with the sale, the parties have asked the Authority to approve Poet's assumption of the existing ground lease. Eric Ellefson moved and Blake Curd seconded a motion to approve the lease transfer from SF Hangar Properties to Poet Technologies. Motion Carried.

B. Purchase of two new runway closure marker signs from Hali-Brite. - $51,515.16. This item is a request to purchase two new lighted runway closure markers (lighted X's) to replace two other light sets that have a significant number of engine hours and have numerous mechanical issues. We are using the lights on a regular basis whenever our runways are closed for maintenance, far more than we have used them in the past due to FAA certification requirements. John Taylor moved and Blake Curd seconded a motion to purchase two new runway closure markers from Hali-Brite. Motion Carried.

C. Review of new concepts for food and beverage options in the new concourse. – Dustin and Austin Sejnoha, owners of Marlins Food Service, presented the company's concepts for the new concourse food and beverage spaces. ABI #1 includes a new restaurant and, across the hallway, a smaller bar next to the outdoor patio. Kent Cutler moved and John Taylor seconded a motion to approve the layout for the new food and beverage options for the concourse. Motion carried.

D. Discussion on development of a new general aviation reliever airport. – Director Letellier recently met with area legislator Greg Jamison and Lincoln County Commissioner Joel Arends to discuss the future of the Lincoln County (Tea) Airport. The County must decide whether to invest further in the airport's operation and development or begin the closure process. Its proximity to Interstate 29 and surrounding development will likely prevent approval of an instrument approach, limiting the airport's long-term growth. Both officials would like FSD to help develop a new general aviation reliever airport where Tea Airport tenants could relocate. The new facility would also support future GA growth that FSD cannot accommodate because of higher-priority property uses. After much discussion, the Board believes the solutions for the future of the Lincoln County airport must be decided and funded by Lincoln County. Any future work on potential sites should be coordinated between Mead & Hunt and Lincoln County.

7. Open Segment – Time allotted for public comment

Blake Curd moved, and Kent Cutler seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:17pm.

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Date Secretary

Next Board Meeting: October 28, 2026 – 11:00 am