

REAP | Regional Economic Area Partnership

REAP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Join Zoom Meeting

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May 9, 2023 ~ 2:00 pm

Welcome: Commissioner Pete Meitzner, Chair

Support for Small Community Air Service Development Program

Jesse Romo, Director of Airports at Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower International Airport gave a presentation on a grant opportunity to expand air service at the airport.

The Wichita Dwight D. National Airport is seeking opportunities to expand commercial air service to the East Coast. A strategy is to apply for a grant to establish a Minimum Revenue Guarantee program and matching funds are needed to secure federal resources from the Small Community Air Service Development program. Seeking to have \$600,000 of matching funds committed from area businesses and local governments. The goal is to establish non-stop service to Washington DC. Wichita is largest market in county without direct service to DC. American Airlines is expressing interest in using this opportunity to expand service to DC. Application to be submitted this month.

REAP staff recommended allocating \$10,000 from REAP to support the Small Community Air Service Development grant application. There are funds available in the current budget for projects.

ACTION TAKEN: Commissioner Pete Meitzner (Sedgwick County) motioned to approve allocating \$10,000 from REAP to the Small Community Air Service Development grant application. Kelly McElroy (Newton) seconded. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

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Attendance

Name	City
Will Black	Haysville
Council Member Mike Hoheisel	Wichita
Commissioner Charles Jennings	Arkansas City
Kelly McElroy	Newton
Council Member Homer Henry	Andover
Nick Engel	Derby
Kyle Fiedler	North Newton
Justin Henry	Goddard
Council Member Tom Jones	Park City
Commissioner Pete Meitzner	Sedgwick County
Kristi Northcutt	Lindsborg
Council Member Justin Shore	Clearwater
Lauren Clary	Kansas Gas
Toni Porter	Wichita regional Chamber of Commerce
Jesse Romo	Wichita Dwight D Eisenhower International Airport
Valerie Wise	Wichita Dwight D Eisenhower International Airport
Chip Westfall	Individual Member
Keith Lawing	REAP / WA