

**DES MOINES AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES OF MEETING
Des Moines International Airport
July 14, 2026**

Call to Order and Roll Call: 9:01 a.m.

Chaired by: Ms. Lauridsen Sand

Present: Mr. Christensen, Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Feeney, Mr. Feldmann,
Ms. Lauridsen Sand

This meeting was held in-person with a Zoom link also available. The public was provided ability to monitor, but not participate in, the meeting online via Zoom. The Airport Board Room, 2nd Floor, Airport Terminal, was also open to the public.

A26-072 Consider Minutes for June 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Christensen moved to approve the minutes for the June 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Dickinson seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-073 Consider Fiscal Year 2024 Commercial Service Terminal Program Grant Amendment

The Chief Executive Officer stated the Airport Authority Board approved a FY 2024 Iowa Commercial Service Terminal Program grant on February 13, 2024, for \$10 million dollars. The funding available for reimbursement of the project was to be completed on February 13, 2026. An extension was requested from the State of Iowa. The Amendment establishes a date of December 8, 2026, for the final reimbursement to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The Iowa DOT Aviation office has provided this amendment to allow the full execution of the \$10 million grant.

The Chief Executive Officer recommended the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Commercial Service Terminal Program Grant Amendment.

Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Commercial Service Terminal Program Grant Amendment. Mr. Christensen seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-074 Consider FY 2026 Airport Infrastructure Grant 108 from the Federal Aviation Administration

The Chief Executive Officer stated through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded a FY 2026 Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) to the airport in the amount of \$5,594,521. This funding will be used for the new terminal project.

The Chief Executive Officer recommended the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign the FY 2026 Airport Infrastructure Grant agreement from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Mr. Feldmann moved to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign the FY 2026 Airport Infrastructure Grant agreement from the Federal Aviation Administration. Mr. Dickinson seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-075 Consider Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project

a. Public Hearing regarding the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project

The Chief Development Officer stated this project will include abatement of asbestos within the main Terminal. The areas affected are the roof and floors 1 through 4. Asbestos containing materials, as identified within the Asbestos Containing Materials inspection, will be removed.

The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$350,000.00.

Ms. Lauridsen Sand opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Lauridsen Sand invited public comment. There were no comments.

Ms. Lauridsen Sand closed the Public Hearing.

b. Consider Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project

The Chief Development Officer recommended the Board approve Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project.

Board members asked some questions which the Chief Development Officer answered.

Mr. Christensen moved to approve Resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost for the Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project. Mr. Dickinson seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

c. Consider award of contract for the Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project to REW Services Corp. in the amount of \$278,170.00

The Chief Development Officer stated the lowest responsive, responsible bidder was REW Services Corp. in the amount of \$278,170.00.

The Chief Development Officer recommended the Board approve the contract with REW Services Corp. in the amount of \$278,170.00 and authorize the Chief Development Officer to accept and close out this project when completed in accordance with the contract documents.

Mr. Christensen moved to approve the contract with REW Services Corp. in the amount of \$278,170.00 and authorize the Chief Development Officer to accept and close out this project when completed in accordance with the contract documents. Ms. Feeney seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

d. Consider Professional Services Agreement with Eocene Environmental Group for Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project - Construction Phase Services

The Chief Development Officer stated during the Main Terminal Asbestos Abatement Project, the consultant will provide air monitoring, project observation, and a post abatement final closeout report for the project. The negotiated hourly agreement amount is \$150,560.00.

The Chief Development Officer recommended the Board approve the Professional Services Agreement with Eocene Environmental Group in the amount of \$150,560.00 for the project and authorize the Chief Development Officer to accept and close out this contract when completed in accordance with the contract documents.

Board members asked some questions which the Chief Development Officer answered.

Mr. Dickinson moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Eocene Environmental Group in the amount of \$150,560.00 for the project and authorize the Chief Development Officer to accept and close out this contract when completed in accordance with the contract documents. Mr. Christensen seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

Consider a Contract for Maintenance and Support for Controls & Software of the Baggage Handling System with Alliant Technologies, Inc.

The Chief Development Officer stated Alliant Technologies, Inc. installed the baggage handling system controls and programming within the new Terminal. The baggage handling system is a critical system, and Authority staff rely on access to this expertise to maintain the system in its entirety to minimize downtime. Authority staff negotiated a new three-year service agreement with two one-year options for renewal. Rates may be adjusted annually based on the previous year's Employment Cost Index.

Services provided through this contract are:

- Tier 1 support – emergency and remote support service
- Tier 2 support – failure analysis and recommended corrective actions
- Change management to software if required.
- System health checks twice a year
- Emergency Phone Response 24/7
- Remote troubleshooting and advisory support
- Emergency Onsite Response
- Preventative Maintenance recommendations

Annual costs associated with the extension are approximated as follows:

- January 19, 2027, to January 18, 2028: \$49,141.33
- January 19, 2028, to January 18, 2029: ~ \$50,615.00
- January 19, 2029, to January 18, 2030: ~ \$52,134.00
- January 19, 2030, to January 18, 2031: ~ \$53,698.00
- January 19, 2031, to January 18, 2032: ~ \$55,309.00

A total of ~ \$260,898.00 for five years.

The Chief Development Officer recommended the Board approve a Contract for Maintenance and Support for Controls & Software of the Baggage Handling System with Alliant Technologies Inc. for an initial price of \$49,141.33.

Board members asked some questions which the Chief Development Officer answered.

Mr. Christensen moved to approve a Contract for Maintenance and Support for Controls & Software of the Baggage Handling System with Alliant Technologies Inc. for an initial price of \$49,141.33. Ms. Feeney seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-077 Consider Purchase of Electronic Vehicle Level 3 Chargers with Rexel Energy Solutions

The Chief Development Officer stated Airport Authority Operations is looking at upgrading the current Level 2 chargers supporting electric shuttle bus charging to Level 3. Current Level 2 chargers will be transferred to the new Shuttle Bus Maintenance Facility currently under construction. New infrastructure to support the Level 3 chargers will be installed within Rental Lot No 2 during the Terminal Way Enabling project currently underway. The Authority will procure the Level 3 chargers directly and turn over to the electrical subcontractor on the Terminal Way Enabling project for installation. Three quotes were received. Lowest responsible quote was received from Rexel Energy Solutions.

The Chief Development Officer recommended the Board approve a Purchase Order for Electronic Vehicle Level 3 Chargers with Rexel Energy Solutions in the amount of \$99,978.00.

Mr. Feldmann moved to approve a Purchase Order for Electronic Vehicle Level 3 Chargers with Rexel Energy Solutions in the amount of \$99,978.00. Mr. Dickinson seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-078 Consider Guaranteed Price Amendment No 12, Exhibit A-2, to AIA Document A133-2019 between the Des Moines Airport Authority and Weitz/Turner, a joint venture, for the Demolition of Existing Terminal for New Airport Terminal Construction Phase 1A Project

The Chief Development Officer stated when Authority staff has been working through and coordinating schedules with each of the projects related to the New Terminal LIFT program, it was determined that abatement of the terminal basement would require changes to the Terminal Demo project completion dates. Updated schedules related to Cowles Drive, Terminal Demo, and construction of new Administrative Offices are as follows:

- September 30th, 2028, for substantial completion of Cowles Drive commercial curb scope of work. JV will need to return in 2028 once public roadway lanes are completed and open to finish center island, west of crosswalk.
- April 23rd, 2027, for plaster removal within terminal basement.
- July 29th, 2027, for partial demolition of existing terminal basement.
- September 16th, 2027, for demolition of existing terminal basement outside the limits for Cowles Roadway.
- November 8th, 2027, for administrative building substantial completion.
- Established Liquidated Damages of \$1,500/C.D for plaster removal.

The Chief Development Officer stated this Amendment No. 12 does not change the overall budget for the New Terminal Project. A Change Order for this work was approved through the Project Management Committee in the amount of \$980,288.53.

Ms. Lauridsen Sand asked some questions which the Chief Development Officer answered.

The Project Management Committee recommended the Board approve Amendment No. 12 for the Demolition of Existing Terminal for New Airport Terminal Construction Phase 1A Project with Weitz/Turner, A Joint Venture, and authorize the Chief Development Officer to accept and close out this agreement when completed in accordance with the contract documents.

Mr. Christensen moved to approve Amendment No. 12 for the Demolition of Existing Terminal for New Airport Terminal Construction Phase 1A Project with Weitz/Turner, A Joint Venture, and authorize the Chief Development Officer to accept and close out this agreement when completed in accordance with the contract documents. Ms. Feeney seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-079 Consider Agreement with ASiX.aero for Airport Operations Digital Twin and Operational Intelligence Platform

The Chief Operations Officer stated Airport Authority currently utilizes a similar system provided by Indra Air Traffic Inc which acquired the current product, AirBoss, through an acquisition. The existing system is no longer being updated or enhanced as desired by Airport Operations. ASiX.aero has developed a similar product with additional operational enhancements and capabilities with the value-added ability to connect various operational systems to provide real-time situational awareness to the Airport Operations team. ASiX.aero is providing this updated platform at the same cost as the existing Indra Air Traffic Inc. product. The ASiX.aero proposal is for a base service cost of \$4,990 monthly which aligns with the current operating budget for this software.

The Chief Operations Officer recommended the Board approve Agreement with ASiX.aero for Airport Operations Digital Twin and Operational Intelligence Platform.

Board members asked some questions which the Chief Operations Officer answered.

Mr. Feldmann moved to approve Agreement with ASiX.aero for Airport Operations Digital Twin and Operational Intelligence Platform. Mr. Dickinson seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-080

Consider Agreement with Choice Aviation Services, Inc. Officer)

The Chief Operations Officer stated the Airport Authority is currently installing self-bag drop equipment in the new terminal which is expected to be activated on January 19, 2027. The TSA requires air carriers to provide validation of passenger IDs with self-bag drop systems until such time the TSA approves full biometric identification. This is typically for a period of 12-18 months. In order to provide for this capability, in addition to general customer service for new technology, Authority staff is recommending entering into an agreement with Choice Aviation Services, Inc. to provide a customer service agent during departure hours of operation. The Airport Authority currently utilizes Menzies Aviation for similar functions related to bag hygiene in the current terminal, with this contract terminating upon the move to the new terminal. The estimated annual expense for this service is \$200,000, which will be included in the 2027 airline common use operating budget.

The Chief Operations Officer recommended the Board approve Agreement with Choice Aviation Services, Inc.

Board members asked some questions which the Chief Operations Officer answered.

Mr. Dickinson moved to approve Agreement with Choice Aviation Services, Inc. Ms. Feeney seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

A26-081

Financial Report

- The Chief Financial Officer reported:
 - Audit
 - Plante Moran finalized the audit and provided a report and letter which are included in the board packets. It was a clean audit. Thank you to Ms. Feeney and Mr. Dickinson for participating in the audit meeting.
 - Revenue
 - Excluding interest income on construction funds, total revenue is 4.7% above budget and 8.3% higher than the prior year.
 - Expenses
 - The contracted service line decreased by \$1.3M compared to the prior year, mainly because the prior year included \$1.5M of one-time bond issuance expenses incurred in June 2025.
 - Cash Position
 - Total cash increased by \$107K from the prior month, primarily driven by grant reimbursement receipts, including \$5.9M in federal grants and \$7.0M in state grants.

A26-082**Briefing**

- The Chief Operations Officer reported:
 - June 2026 taxi statistics.
 - June 2026 passenger statistics.
 - June 2026 summary statistics.
- Mr. Dickinson asked how the new rental car center operations have been since its opening in June 2026. The Chief Operations Officer stated it's gone pretty well, but there have been some infrastructure challenges. The Chief Executive Officer stated there is an emergency roadway repair occurring now that will last a couple of weeks possibly due to asphalt not being put down properly. The Chief Executive Officer stated there was a sewer issue that occurred the first few days of the opening. Restrooms were out of service for three days due to the sewer issue.
- The Chief Executive Officer reported:
 - Risk Register
 - There is a new item on the Risk Register.
 - Weitz/Turner Joint Venture schedule: They will not achieve their interim milestone of 7/9/26 for subcontractor substantial completion but show to be on track for contractual full substantial completion date of 11/9/26. A letter was sent to Weitz/Turner about this.
 - Prairie Meadows executives toured the Prairie Meadows connector between the new terminal and the legacy terminal. Ms. Hoodjer, Communications, Marketing, & Air Service Development Manager, is working with Prairie Meadows on the signage and posters for the connector. There is a separate PA system in the connector that might be utilized as well.
 - FAA certification inspectors will spend two to three days at the airport this week. The FAA will issue a report a few weeks later.
 - The service agreement with the City of Des Moines expired June 30, 2026. The Chief Executive Officer is working with City of Des Moines finance on a different way to pay for City services in place of PILOT fees. The current agreement may be extended for a couple of months in the interim.
 - A handout with July 2026 talking points about airport updates was provided to the Board with the board packet.
- The Chief Development Officer provided an update on the item in red on the Risk Register: Preparation for Phase 1B East Terminal Building Pad and Surcharge. Mr. Christensen asked some questions which the Chief Development Officer answered.

A26-083**Next Meeting**

- August 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

A26-084 Adjourn

Mr. Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Feeney seconded. Motion Carried: 5-0-0-0; Yeas: Christensen, Dickinson, Feeney, Feldmann, Lauridsen Sand; Nays: 0; Abstained: 0; Absent: 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Jessica Feeney
Secretary/Treasurer
Mary Benson
Board Clerk