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SeaPort Airlines news buzzing in Salina



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If social media comments are any indication, SeaPort Airlines has created a buzz in Salina ahead of its planned starting date of the middle of next month.

"My last Facebook comment was, 'Yo, will you be going to Kansas City? I'll be going there a lot more,'" said Matt Kyler, marketing manager of SeaPort, which is based in Portland, Ore.

Bookings will open this afternoon for SeaPort flights, which will begin April 19. The airline is offering three round-trip flights a day from Salina to Kansas City Sunday through Friday and one outgoing flight on Saturday mornings.

"People are already inquiring as to when they can book their flights," Kyler said. "They're interested. They're eager."

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced Friday that SeaPort would be Salina's Essential Air Service provider, replacing Great Lakes Airlines. SeaPort's federal subsidy is \$1.489 million the first year and \$1.493 million in the second year of its EAS contract.

The Salina Airport Authority has been receiving calls from people who want to know about the transition, spokeswoman Melissa McCoy said.

The airport authority expects customers who have booked flights on Great Lakes to receive a refund or to be offered to fly out of a community still served by the airline, McCoy said, "but that's not by any means policy. SeaPort's going to do their best to accommodate them."

The new airline will carry passengers from Salina to Kansas City on nine-seat Pilatus PC-12 aircraft.

SeaPort is still hiring staff for its Salina office, Kyler said Tuesday, and its Memphis staff will be overseeing the Salina operation.

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