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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

March 27, 2019, meeting
General William J. Fox Airfield
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MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

VACANT
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord
Secretary Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chairman Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard Smith, Aviation Division Chief
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION - AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Pete Lonctaux, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General William J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Mike Gabelman, Mission Flight
Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association
Mr. Bruce Busch, San Gabriel Valley Tenant
Mr. Barry Rosen, Santa Monica Airport Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Christina Pascucci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for the February 27, 2019, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Clinton Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Harvey Holloway.

B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report

Mr. Wardle provided an update to the Commission on the Port Hangar Association lock out at Brackett Field Airport.

A potential candidate for the Airport Manager position at Whiteman is scheduled for a second interview. Mr. Wardle will provide an update at the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that the electrical wires in the parking lot of the terminal building were vandalized.

Airport staff is working on general repairs at the Airport Traffic Control Tower in preparation for the upcoming inspection from the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Whiteman Airport Open House Committee will host their meeting on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that Round Up will no longer be used at the airport. Hence, weed abatement procedures at the airport will be re-evaluated.

The Annual 5010 California Transportation Inspection took place in the month of March 2019 and hangar inspections are in progress.

Ninety-four percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 9 percent are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations on the airport were down 13 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 35 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 7.5 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Pete Loncteaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

Maintenance on the rapid intervention vehicle is in progress and repairs to the sweeper are complete.

The interior remodeling of one of the Sheriff's building at the airport and the Instrument Landing System upgrade are complete and operational.

The Brackett Airmen Association hold their monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month and Display Day is on the third Sunday of every month.

The decaying tree located in the visitor park area was removed and hangar inspections are in progress.

Eighty percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 23 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 39 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 31.2 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 46.2 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 2.85 percent and water consumption was down 49.5 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

The sign at the wash rack was replaced with a sign that displays larger letters for easy viewing and new access card readers were installed at the north and south entrance gates.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. and the San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane/Auto Display and Aircraft Swap Meet is held every fourth Sunday of the month.

The San Gabriel Valley Remote Control Association meets every fourth Thursday of the month and the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ninety-eight percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 28 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations on the airport were down 28 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 31 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 57 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 17 percent and water consumption was down 50 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Repairs to the barbed wire along the north perimeter fence and the damaged curb at the Wilmington entrance are complete.

Informational decals were added to the fuel truck as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliance standards policy.

Repairs to the exterior hangar lighting is complete and the installation of grates over the new drainage ditch is in progress.

The County's first charging station for electric airplanes was installed at the airport.

The Experimental Aircraft Association will host their monthly Young Eagles rally on April 27, 2019.

A meeting at the terminal building is being held every Friday to plan for the annual Compton/Woodley Airport Air Fair.

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that there was a fatal aircraft accident on March 13, 2019. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the accident.

Commissioner Mort suggested to Mr. Diaz that counseling be offered to the employees who assisted in the accident.

Commissioner Simmons and Chairman Lord recognized the two airport employees for their prompt response and Commissioner Simmons requested a new rapid intervention vehicle for the airport.

Commissioner Pascucci asked Mr. Diaz if he could elaborate on the use of his marketing funds and requested additional information regarding the first electric aircraft charging station.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 35 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales were down 21.5 percent as compared to the same month last year. Electricity consumption was up 7.1 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 79 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Steve Irving Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items

High winds at the airport caused minor damage to a couple of non-County owned hangars. Repairs to the hangars are complete.

Ms. Donna Knight, President of the Fox Field Pilots Association and Mr. Irving are working together to update the Marketing Plan for Fox Airfield.

American Airports Corporation received the permits required to proceed with the repairs to the fuel station and hangar inspections are near completion.

On April 14, 2019, the Antelope Valley 99s will host their annual Poker Run at the airport.

The Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project is postponed until Fall 2019 and the next Los Angeles County Air Show will be held on March 21 thru March 22, 2020.

Ninety-four percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and none of the hangars are utilized for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 30 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 60 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 68 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Water consumption was down 16 percent and gas consumption was up 26 percent as compared to the same month last year.

C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Richard Smith Reported on the following Items:

Mr. Smith provided the Commission with copies of the February 2019 Expense and Revenue Report and introduced Mr. Warren Wellen, of the Office of the County Counsel, County of Los Angeles.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission about the Board Resolution on the FAA test program regarding the helicopter noise complaint system.

A draft policy on providing reduced rental rates to qualified organizations at the County-Owned Airports is currently being reviewed by Public Works Administration.

Mr. Smith provided a summary of the capital projects taking place at all five County-owned airports.

The FAA's Office of Airport Safety and Standards conducted a land use compliance inspection of San Gabriel Valley Airport and Compton/Woodley

Airport. Mr. Smith shared the outcome with the Commission and provided a copy of the results.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission about a letter received from Senator concerning Whiteman Airport. He further explained that the letter requested data for environmental measures, similar to AB 483 Airports: Pollution that was sponsored by a former Assemblyman.

D. Marketing Program

Commissioner Pascucci spoke on the importance of utilizing the marketing program to the fullest to promote the five County airports. Commissioner Pascucci requested that managers bring forth new ideas to promote the airports and offered herself as a resource. Mr. Smith provided a brief history of the marketing program.

E. General William J. Fox Airfield Items

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Winn Williams shared with the Commission that he is in the process of vacating his hangar. Mr. Wardle spoke on this matter.

Mr. Barry Rosen, Santa Monica Airport, updated the Commission on the current situation at Santa Monica Airport.

Mr. Mike Gabelman, Mission Flight, provided the Commission with a summary of the activities of Mission Flight.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 7 p.m.
at Whiteman Airport
10000 Airpark Way
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. in memory of Lukas Michael Swidinski.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Holloway, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

RS:cd