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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

January 22, 2020, meeting
Compton/Woodley Airport
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MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord
Secretary Gabriel Perez
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chairman Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Peter Amundson

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 Lonceteaux, Manager, 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
Mr. James Miller, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Peris Meeks, Compton/Woodley Airport Tenant
Mr. Vinson Bell, Temple City High School

GUEST CONTINUE

Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport Tenant
Ms. Kecia L. Woods, Member of the Community
Mr. Bruce Busch, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant
Mr. Robert Head, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant
Mr. Jay Rootlieb, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant
Mr. Jerry Rootlieb, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Clinton Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for the November 27, 2019, and December 17, 2019, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Curt Castagna.

B. American Airports Corporation – Contract Manager Report

Mr. Wardle introduced Mr. James Miller as the new manager for Whiteman Airport and provided information on the current lease updates that are taking place at the five County-owned airports.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Unpermitted structures in various hangars at the airport are being removed.

Mr. Curioso informed the Commission that Temple City High School students are utilizing the conference room and south hangar to prepare for their upcoming Flight and Drop Competition.

Commissioner Christina Pascucci asked Mr. Curioso for additional information on the high school activities that are taking place.

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 at the airport.

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. at the airport.

Ninety-three percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 28 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were down 1 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 25 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 40 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 8 percent and water consumption was down 42 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

The Apron Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation Project will commence February 2020 and enhancements to the landscaping around the terminal building are scheduled for February 2020.

Plans for the landscape renovation at the terminal building continue and two runway hold short signs were replaced.

The Brackett Airmen Association holds its monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month and Display Day is on the third Sunday of every month at the airport.

Eighty-three percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 18.5 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 19.8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Commissioner Ryan Antoon asked Mr. Lonctaux if he could elaborate on why the drop in fuel sales year to year when flight operations remain the same. Mr. Lonctaux explained the activity at the airport that could be affecting the difference in fuel sales.

Commissioner Castagna asked if the firefighting semi-truck fuels are included in the American Airports Corporation gallons sales reports. Mr. Wardle will provide clarification at the next meeting.

Avgas fuel sales were down 2 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 60 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity and water consumption were consistent year to year.

Mr. James Miller Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Repairs to the hangar doors at the eastside of the airport and the gate motor on Airpark Way are complete.

The Federal Aviation Administration did not certify the new precision approach path indicator fixtures. The manufacture is working on correcting the problem.

Lighting outages on the runway and hangars on the airport were replaced and additional signage with gate code were added near the gates.

Commissioner Pascucci and Chairman Lord congratulated and welcomed Mr. Miller as the new manager for Whiteman Airport.

Ninety-eight percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 7.8 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 11 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 10 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 34 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 6.5 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was up 11.6 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

Repairs to the roof on the terminal building are complete.

The Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project is scheduled to commence in March 2020 after the Air Show. Tenants with large aircrafts were notified.

The Air Show will be held on March 21 and 22, 2020. Mr. Irving announced the tactical demos that will be featured at the air show.

The Fox Airport Association hosted their annual Holiday Party at the terminal building on December 14, 2019.

Ninety-seven percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and one hangar is utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were down 15 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 18 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 98 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 6 percent and water consumption was up 25 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Repairs to the irrigation system and the installation of two trees by the sound wall are complete.

Hangars with unpermitted structures were updated and are now occupied.

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 up 1.8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 7.7 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was up 42.4 percent as compared to the same month last year.

On January 25, 2020, the Experimental Aircraft Association will host the Young Eagles rally.

Mr. Diaz thanked Mr. Peris Meeks for his efforts and success in the annual Holiday Party that was held on December 20, 2019.

Commissioner Simmons provided a brief presentation on Black History and informed the Commission of the plaque that was added at the terminal building, and the two retractable displays that were purchased with the marketing fund.

Commissioner Pascucci suggested that students from local schools should participate in the Black History event.

Chairman Lord requested that a gate be placed on the south side of the airport.

Commissioner Mort asked Mr. Diaz about the reaction from pilots regarding the signs that were placed at the fuel pit. Mr. Diaz and Commissioner Simmons agreed that the reaction has been positive.

Chairman Lord introduced Mr. Forouzan Golshani as the new Aviation Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Hilda Solis, 1st District.

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

Mr. Smith provided the Commission copies of the December 2019 Expense and Revenue Report.

Commissioner Simmons inquired on the computer expenditures. Mr. Smith explained that the Division has numerous computers that are replaced from time to time.

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

Los Angeles County Airports Economic Impact Analysis 2020 was provided to the Commission and Mr. Smith provided a summary.

Mr. Jay Ruby, San Gabriel Valley Airport tenant, requested the name of the two new businesses at San Gabriel Valley Airport. Mr. Wardle responded.

The annual United States Contract Tower Association report was shared with the Commission and Mr. Smith provided highlights.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that the Contract with American Airports Corporation is ending in 2021 and provided information on the County's plan to perform most of the contracted services with County employees.

Commissioner Antoon inquired about the timeline for the transition, requested a list of new County positions, and stated the transition needs to be transparent. Mr. Smith provided a brief summary on the process and assured transparency.

Commissioner Simmons commented on the contract with American Airports Corporation and the County and shared his support for the transition.

D. Compton Airport Items

Mr. Smith provided an update on the project for a new terminal building at Compton/Woodley Airport.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association, shared his comments with the Commission regarding fuel prices at the airports, and would like the County to include feedback from the pilots in the transition to County operation.

Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport tenant, informed the Commission that his portable hangars were removed from the Brackett Field Airport.

Ms. Kecia L. Woods, Compton Community member, spoke to the Commission on the excess noise from some of the aircraft at the airport and thanked Mr. Diaz and airport staff for their prompt response to the community's concerns.

Commissioner Antoon asked if there are published traffic pattern procedures that tenants receive. Mr. Diaz stated that procedures are in place and letters to the tenants were sent.

Mr. Peris Meeks, Compton Airport User, shared with the Commission the success of their holiday party and the involvement that he is promoting with businesses in the community and thanked Mr. Diaz for the support received from airport staff.

Mr. Vinson Bell, Temple City High School, spoke to the Commission about the Science Olympiad Program and thanked everyone at the airport and Dr. Cox for allowing students to utilize the south hangar to practice for their event.

Chairman Lord encouraged Mr. Bell to speak to Mr. Irving for information on the upcoming STEM event taking place at the air show at Fox Airfield.

Commissioner Golshani expressed his gratitude towards Mr. Bell for his involvement in this program.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 7 p.m.
at Brackett Field Airport
1615 McKinley Avenue
La Verne, CA 91750-5846**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Mr. Bill Griggs Sr. at 11:37 a.m.

Mr. Bill Griggs Sr. had over 18,000 hours teaching pilots across Southern California over his lifetime. In 1967, he founded AFI Flight Training and remained as Owner and President throughout.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriel Perez, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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