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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

June 26, 2019, meeting
Brackett Field Airport
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MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord
Vice-Chairman Peter Amundson
Secretary Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Gabriel Perez
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Christina Pascucci

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, 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

GUESTS

Mr. Wayne Williams, Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition
Dr. William Allen, Los Angeles High School Alumni Association
Mr. Chuck Street, Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition
Mr. John Finley, Brackett Airmen Association

GUESTS CONTINUED

Ms. Nancy Qasem, Airport Traffic Control Tower
Mr. Robert Head, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association/Mission Flight
Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Bruce Busch, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport Tenant
Mr. Ryan Horton, USC Liquid Propulsion Lab
Mr. Mathew Tinkey, USC Liquid Propulsion Lab

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Clinton Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for the April 24, 2019 and May 29, 2019 meetings, were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Clinton Simmons and Commissioner Curt Castagna.

B. American Airports Corporation – Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Sweeper repairs were completed and the homeless encampment along Osborne Street was removed.

Repairs to a water leak at the entrance of Osborne Street and the directional lighting are complete.

The Precision Approach Path Indicator lights at the airport are ready for certification from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the vehicle access gate by the Airport Traffic Control Tower was repaired.

An informational letter explaining the purpose of the surcharge was sent to the airport non-aviation tenants.

Ninety-six percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 9.4 percent are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were down 4 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 13 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 11.9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 9.5 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 35 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

New LED lighting will be added to the terminal building, County owned hangars, and associated auto parking areas.

The landscape restoration by the FAA building is near completion, and the Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project is scheduled to commence in March 2020.

The Antelope Valley Fair will be held on August 15 and 25, 2019, and the Air Show will be held on March 21 and 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 were down 3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 14.3 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 49.8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Gas consumption was up 53 percent and water consumption was up 17 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that he hired a new staff member.

Repairs to the air conditioning unit in the terminal building are complete and the umbrellas in the viewing deck were anchored.

An advertisement page was purchased in the Civil Air Patrol Magazine as part of the marketing plan.

An informational meeting with Aviation Management Consulting Group (AMCG) was held on June 25, 2019, and on June 27, 2019, a meeting regarding the increase of the non-aviation rental surcharge will be held at the airport.

Ninety-eight 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 8.6 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 11.3 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 36.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Mr. Curioso informed the Commission that any illegal construction or electrical wiring in the hangars are being removed when vacated.

The painting of the runway markings is complete.

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-seven 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 up 10 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 7 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 64 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 19 percent and water consumption was up 10 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Peter Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

The repairs to the rapid intervention vehicle and taxiway/runway lights are complete.

On June 19, 2019, a marketing fund meeting was held at the airport, and the annual open house will be held on October 19, 2019.

Vice-Chairman Amundson inquired on the amount of vacancies at the airport. Mr. Loncteaux provided a brief explanation.

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.

Seventy-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 16.8 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations at the airport were up 9.19 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 8.2 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 42.2 percent as compared to the same month last year. Electricity consumption was down 13 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 copies of the May 2019 Expense and Revenue Report.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that a letter will be sent out to commercial operators requesting their participation in an online survey pertaining to the Economic Impact Analysis data collection.

The draft Policy for Providing Reduced Rental Rates to Qualified Organizations was submitted to the FAA for review.

Mr. Smith attended a recent meeting of the United States Contract Tower Association where they discussed continuing efforts to draft legislation to use discretionary Airport Improvement Plan funds to pay for the upkeep of Airport Traffic Control Towers.

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

D. Aviation Management Consulting Group – Presentation

Mr. Robert Trimborn, Aviation Management Consulting Group (AMCG) gave a presentation explaining the background of the rent and fee study, the process, and the schedule for each phase.

Dr. Haney provided comments on the rent survey study.

Vice-Chairman Amundson asked Mr. David Benner, AMCG, to elaborate on the goals and objectives. Mr. Benner provided a response.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that he would like transparency, and to provide the opportunity for stakeholders to be engaged.

E. Brackett Field Airport Items

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Dr. William Allen, representing various non-profit organizations, shared with the Commission his desire to obtain low rents for non-aviation use of aircraft storage hangars.

Mr. Chuck Street, Los Angeles Area Helicopter Operators Association, provided information to the Commission on the Automated Complaint System (ACS). Mr. Street is requesting funding from the Los Angeles County to continue to operate and improve the system and would like the support of the Commission.

Mr. Wayne Williams, Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition, spoke to the Commission on their activities and requested funding to support the Automated Complaint System (ACS).

Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association, shared his concerns and questions regarding the upcoming rent and fee study.

Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport tenant, informed the Commission that he is currently moving out of his hangar, and of the difficulties he is encountering during his moving process.

Mr. Ryan S. Horton, USC Liquid Propulsion Lab, spoke to the Commission on their activities on and off the airport.

Chairman Lord shared that Commission Castagna was appointed as the Chairman for the National Air Transportation Association.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 7 p.m.
at Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3528**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Mr. Michael Clearman at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Holloway, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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