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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

September 25, 2019, meeting
General William J. Fox Airfield
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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord
Vice-Chairman Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Secretary Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Jeff Mort
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, 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. Patrick W. McCullough, Expo Neighbors
Dr. James Haney, Aviation First
Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport Tenant
Mr. William Stebbins, William J. Fox Airfield Air Traffic Control Tower
Mr. Morrie Zager, Professional Helicopter Pilots Association
Mr. Chuck Street, Los Angeles Area Helicopter Operations Association

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2019, meeting was deferred for the next Commission meeting for lack of quorum.

B. American Airports Corporation – Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Mr. Wardle introduced Mr. Mathew Halls to the Commission as the new airport manager for Whiteman Airport.

The water pressure regulator was replaced and the staircase and handrailing were painted at the terminal building.

County hangar inspections continue at the airport; a total of 222 hangar inspections are complete.

A section of the perimeter fence behind the HH Row hangars was repaired.

The Annual Whiteman Airport Open House will be held at the airport on September 28, 2019.

On August 25, 2019, there was a minor brush fire by the Airport Control Tower entrance, and on August 27, 2019, a vehicle accident damaged a section of the perimeter fence on Airpark Way.

Ninety-one percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 8.2 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 0.7 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 8.4 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 13.4 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 10 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 59 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

An aircraft incident took place on August 31, 2019. No injuries were reported.

Artificial grass was installed in front of Billion Air and County hangar inspections continue at the airport.

The Annual San Gabriel Valley Airport Open House will be held at the airport on October 27, 2019.

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-two 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 12 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 26 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 47 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 4 percent and water consumption were down 32 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Maintenance to the sweeper and smog check to the fuel truck are complete.

Weed abatement to Runway 25R and repairs to the gate reader on Wilmington Avenue are complete.

On September 21, 2019, the Experimental Aircraft Association held their event and Commissioner Pascucci was a guest speaker.

A hazardous waste round up will be held at the airport on October 5, 2019.

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 2.9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 4 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 24.9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Peter Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

A Runway Safety Action Team meeting was held on September 5, 2019.

On September 11, 2019, a tour was held for students from California State University Los Angeles, Aviation Business and Security.

The annual airport open house will be held on October 19, 2019.

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 9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 4.1 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 26.6 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 11.6 percent and water consumption were down 37.9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

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

Mr. Irving informed the Commission that the Antelope Valley College continues with their renovations and plans for future expansion.

A broken watermain entering the airport was repaired and a bee hive was removed from the fuel island.

The Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project is scheduled to commence in March 2020 after the Air Show. The Air Show will be held on March 21 and 22, 2020.

The Girls in Aviation Day will be held on October 12, 2019, and the International Aerobatic Club, Chapter 26 will host their event on October 30, 2019.

Ninety-six percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and none of the hangars are utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were up 26 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 18 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 43 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 2 percent and gas consumption were up 6 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 August 2019 Expense and Revenue Report.

The Board of Supervisors is surveying land space for homeless camps. Compton/Woodley Airport and Whiteman Airport have potential land. Mr. Smith asked the Commission for their thoughts. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion.

Mr. Smith attended the Association of California Airports conference and shared information that was presented on aircraft innovations and Aviation Day that is held in Sacramento.

Commissioner Castagna provided a summary to the Commission on the situation that is taking place with the aviation tax sales revenue diversion.

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

D. Reduced Rental Rates to Qualified Organizations Draft Policy

Dr. Haney, Aviation First, provided comments to the Commission.

Chairman Lord expressed to the Commission the importance of being mindful when responding to emails that are addressed to all Commissioners and of their responsibility in complying with the Brown Act as set forth in state and local laws regarding public meetings.

E. Helicopter Automated Noise Complaint System Discussion

Mr. Chuck Street presented to the Commission information about the Helicopter Automated Noise Complaint System. He would like the support from the Commission and is requesting funding from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to continue to operate and improve the system and would like the support of the Commission. Mr. Street provided copies of a letter addressed to the Aviation Commission and a letter to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

F. General William J. Fox Airfield Items

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Dr. Haney, Aviation First, commented on a signature petition that is part of a Part 13 Complaint.

Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport tenant, spoke to the Commission on his efforts in renting an additional hangar to store his belongings.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 10 a.m.
at Whiteman Airport
10000 Airpark Way
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Holloway, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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