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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Virtual Meeting
March 30, 2022, at 10 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS

CURT CASTAGNA
CHAIR

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
VICE-CHAIR

JEFF MORT
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
MEMBER

RYAN ANTOON
MEMBER

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

DENNIS C. LORD
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Curt Castagna
Secretary Jeff Mort
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Gabriel Perez
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chair Christina Pascucci

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Sixteen attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the Zoom application.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dennis Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the March 30, 2022, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Lord. Motion passed 8 to 0.

B. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – General Report

Mr. Morgan stated the mission for the five County airports which is to manage, maintain, operate, and develop the County owned airports in a smart, active, safe, and stable manner.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

Aircraft operations for Brackett Field Airport, General William J. Fox Airfield, and Whiteman Airport were down 13 percent in the month of February 2022, except for San Gabriel Valley Airport which remained consistent as compared to the same month last year. Fueling activities were up 31 percent compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Aviation Division conducts a weekly survey on fuel pricing on surrounding airports in the local area. In addition, Aviation Division looks at the Fixed-based Operators that are at both the San Gabriel Valley and Brackett Field Airport to ensure that our pricing is in line with their retail prices.

C. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – Airport Management Update

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

Planned projects for this year include the design phase for the Compton/Woodley terminal building and the implementation of a pavement maintenance plan for all the airports. No major construction projects are underway at the airports.

Aviation Division continues working with the Federal Aviation Administration to take advantage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding.

Airport Property Management

Mr. Morgan provided an update on the topics that will be presented each month under Airport Property Management.

Airport Events and Activities

The next Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 28, 2022. Mr. Morgan informed that two open house style meetings were held on March 3, 2022, at Pacoima City Hall and on March 5, 2022, at the Vista Aviation Hangar. The seventh meeting of the Community Advisory Committee was held on March 24, 2022. Mr. Morgan shared the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport website for updates on related activities, the sustainability management plan, and the air monitoring study.

Mr. Morgan also reminded the Commission of the sponsored motion that was approved on January 25, 2022, by Supervisor Kuehl which directs Public Works to report back to the Board in sixty days on information that may need to be gathered and assembled to prepare an initial step for the FAA's application process for consideration of airport closure.

Compton/Woodley Airport held a mattress recycling event at the airport and at General William J. Fox Airfield, two MD-80 Aero Tankers were conducting training and recertifications.

San Gabriel Valley Airport continues to host the COVID-19 testing site in the south parking lot, and on March 19, 2022, a waste recycling event was held at the airport.

On March 26, 2022, the Young Eagles held their event and continued their aircraft build, Project Jackpot at Whiteman Airport.

The Whiteman Airport Association is planning an open house event. Tentative date for the event is June 25, 2022.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that Aviation Division is working with a consultant to assist with the Marketing Plan. The consultant will provide a proposal on the Marketing Plan or a Strategic Communications Plan, and a proposal to update the website. Public Works' Community Government and Relations Group will also assist in this effort.

D. Special Topics (s) – Replacing 100LL Avgas with Unleaded Alternative

Mr. Morgan provided an overview on 100LL Avgas the unleaded alternatives, fuel alternative availability, Piston Aircraft Fuels Initiative, and Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions Initiative.

Chairman Castagna provided insight on the Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions Initiative and the impact to general aviation airports. He also expressed that the County should continue to look for opportunities to be proactive with alternative fuels.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that he will continue to speak on this topic as it develops.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Three speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

Commissioner Lord commended Commissioner Pascucci for her efforts in reporting world events as a reporter. He also proposed to the Commission that a plaque be presented to honor Los Angeles Police Department officers that extracted the pilot from the recent incident in January 2022.

Commissioner Golshani expressed his thoughts on the Van Nuys Airport Career Day and Commissioner Simmons thanked Commissioner Holloway on behalf of Compton Airport Users' group for the article that was published by Larry Grooms which highlighted Compton Airport.

IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Chair Castagna adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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