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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION Virtual Meeting Minutes October 26, 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 Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chair Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

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

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Jeff Mort led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the September 28, 2022, meeting

The meeting minutes as written, were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Lord. Motion passed 7 to 0.

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

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a summary of the Expense and Revenue Report. Mr. Maselbas provided a detailed explanation on the expenditures and revenues noted on the report. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information that Mr. Maselbas presented.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were down 12 percent in the month of September 2022, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were down 25 percent in the month of September 2022, as compared to the same month last year. Compton Airport had an increase in fuel sales. General William J. Fox Airfield contributed to the higher percentage of reduction due to less firefighting activity this year, as compared to the same month last year.

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

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

No major projects are taking place at the airports.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission the Pavement Management Program is already underway. On-site inspections and evaluations of the pavements were conducted by the consultants at the airports earlier this month.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the Rents and Fees Study update for all five County airports has commenced, and a virtual tenant working session will be held on October 27, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Morgan provided an update on the design project for the new terminal building at Compton Airport.

Airport Property Management

The Request for Proposal document to provide full-serve and self-serve fueling services at both Whiteman Airport and General William J. Fox Airfield are being finalized.

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that Mr. Jessee Maloney, who served as the Airport Manager for Brackett Field Airport, accepted a new position. Public Works Aviation Division will be conducting interviews for the position of Assistant Airport Manager, Airport Service Worker, and Facilities Project Manager.

In September 2022, an online survey was sent to all airport users and tenants to estimate the demand for UL-94 aviation gasoline at all County airports and will conclude at the end of this month.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, a Request for Proposal document is being prepared for developing a parcel of land and will be released within the next few months.

Commissioners inquired on runway conditions, federal grants used at Compton Airport for the north runway and staffing coverage at all five airports. Mr. Morgan provided a brief explanation to their questions.

Airport Events and Activities

On October 14, 2022, at Brackett Field Airport, consultants conducted a pavement assessment. All airport users were notified, and no impact to airport operations were reported.

On October 19, 2022, City of La Verne Chamber of Commerce hosted the 22nd Annual Taste of La Verne Food Festival at Brackett Field Airport.

The County retail fueling system is expected to resume operations in November 2022, and paint samples are being tested for a compass rose and directional arrows at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

On October 2, 2022, the Memories of El Monte vehicle display event was held at San Gabriel Valley Airport. During the event, a vehicle pedestrian deviation occurred; the incident was investigated by the FAA.

On October 23, 2022, at San Gabriel Valley Airport, a Volkswagen car club held a vehicle display event to fundraise for St. Jude's Children Hospital.

The Edwards Air Force Based held their 2022 Aerospace Valley Air Show at General William J. Fox Airfield on October 15, 2022.

The Young Eagles held their event and provided flights to attending children at Whiteman Airport on October 22, 2022.

At Whiteman Airport, the installation of a new ventilation and air conditioning system for the terminal building is expected to commence on December 9, 2022,

and repairs to the main access gate and the Orbital gate at Whiteman Airport are complete.

On October 18, 2022, there was a landing incident at Whiteman Airport. No injuries and major damages reported. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the incident.

The self-serve station at Compton Airport is inoperable and repairs are underway. Full-serve fuel services at self-serve fuel prices are available.

The County is obtaining proposals to repair the entrance ramp and to paint the terminal building at Compton Airport.

The Compton Air Fair was held on October 22, 2022, Commissioner Lord was one of the volunteer pilots and the Young Eagles were a partner at the event.

On October 15, 2022, a single-engine aircraft incident took place at Compton Airport. No injuries or damages reported.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Maselbas provided an update on the Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee. Two community meetings will be held in open house format on November 17, 2022, at 5:30 pm and on November 19, 2022, at 11:00 am.

Marketing and Public Relations

Mr. Morgan informed the Commission that the new airport website will be coordinated with the launch of the new Public Works website.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Chair Castagna adjourned at meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mort, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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