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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2024, 7 p.m.
General William J. Fox Airfield
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401
(661) 940-1709

COMMISSIONERS

RYAN ANTOON
CHAIR

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DENNIS LORD
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MEMBER

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MEMBER

MONIQUE EARL
MEMBER

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Ryan Antoon
Secretary Dennis Lord
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Jeff Mort

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Monique Earl
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. Steve Argubright, Argubright Construction
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. David Kolstad, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. Doug Nuckolls, Antelope Valley College
Ms. Christine Litton, Barnes Aviation
Ms. Jessica Haney, MH Aviation/MH Fuels
Mr. Jeffrey Haney, MH Aviation/MH Fuels
Mr. Michael Graves, MH Aviation/MH Fuels

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Antoon called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Harvey Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the August 28, 2024, meeting

The minutes for the August 28, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Secretary Dennis Lord and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Mort.

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

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a brief overview of General William J. Fox Airfield.

Expense and Revenue Report

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a summary of the Expense and Revenue Report, a detailed explanation on the expenditures and revenues, and an update to the Airport Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 9 percent in the month of August 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were down 0.7 percent in the month of August 2024, 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.

At Brackett Field Airport, a new Airport Traffic Control Tower facility will be constructed as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Air Traffic Facilities Program grant. The Federal Aviation Administration will host a kick-off meeting on October 23, 2024, to discuss the project.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, the crack seal repairs along Taxiway Alpha are scheduled for October 9, 2024.

Airport Property Management

United States Forest Service is operating out of Brackett Field Airport to fight the Bridge Fire. The Precision Approach Path Indicator lights are temporarily out of service and repairs are underway.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the Precision Approach Path Indicator lights are still under repair. The installation and flight check are being coordinated with the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Request for Proposals for the aeronautical development lease at General William J. Fox Airfield was advertised on August 15, 2024, and deadline to submit proposals is on September 26, 2024. United States Forest Service and CalFire are fighting local fires. On September 13, 2024, the minor pavement crack repairs were completed on Taxiway Alpha.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the self-serve fuel island and stadium lights are being repaired.

At Whiteman Airport, repairs are underway to the Orbital Way vehicle access gate. On September 4, 2024, a small fire occurred on the hillside along Airpark Way with no injuries or damage to the facilities. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will be replacing LED lights throughout the airport.

General William J. Fox Airfield, San Gabriel Valley Airport, and Whiteman Airport served as Cooling Centers in the month of September 2024.

Since June 1, 2024, UL94 is available for purchase at Whiteman Airport. Public Works is coordinating with the Los Angeles County Fire Department to have UL94 available for purchase at Compton/Woodley Airport and San Gabriel Valley Airport. Commissioners shared comments on the information presented.

At Compton/Woodley Airport and Whiteman Airport, the aircraft operations system experienced some issues and the data is expected to be shared at the next meeting.

Airport Events and Activities

At Brackett Field Airport, the Aircraft Display Day was held on September 15, 2024, and Girls in Aviation Day was held on September 21, 2024.

The El Dia Del Ranchero event was held at Compton/Woodley Airport on September 22, 2024. The celebration of the airport's 100th year anniversary will occur at the annual Airport Air Fair on October 26, 2024. On November 6 and 7, the Federal Aviation Administration will host the First Responders Training at the airport.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the San Gabriel Valley Airport Pilots Association meeting was held on September 18, 2024, and the Aircraft Display Day was held on September 22, 2024.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 will host their Young Eagles event on September 28, 2024.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

The on-call consultant is finalizing the new airports website and is expected to go live later this year.

D. Update on April 9, 2024, Board motion regarding “Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport: Expanding Economic Opportunities”

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that the Federal Aviation Administration has deemed the estimated study costs as ineligible for federal funds. There are no updates from the Board of Supervisors regarding this Board motion.

E. 2024 Customer Service Survey Presentation

Mr. Maselbas presented to the Commission the results of the 2024 Customer Service Survey.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

One speaker commented on the expense and revenue report, operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 10 a.m.
at Whiteman Airport
10000 Airpark Way
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393**

Chair Antoon adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lord, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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