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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

January 23, 2019, meeting
Brackett Field Airport
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La Verne, CA 91750-5846
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COMMISSIONERS

DENNIS C. LORD
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MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

VACANT
MEMBER

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Gabriel Perez
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chairman Peter Amundson
Secretary Harvey Holloway

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, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Robert Head, San Gabriel Valley Airport
Mr. Jeff Strouse, Aerial Art Photo, Aerial Sim Training
Mr. Jerry Rootlier, San Gabriel Valley Airport
Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association President

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jeff Mort led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

No action was taken on the November 2018 Aviation Commission minutes.

B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission on the current lease updates that are taking place at the five County airports.

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that repairs to the electrical problems affecting the ramp lighting are in progress.

American Airports Corporation (AAC) is waiting for permits to make necessary repairs to the fuel station.

The Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project is postponed until Fall 2019 and the next Los Angeles County Air Show will occur in March 2020.

Chairman Lord asked if enough time is being allowed to complete the Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project since it is four months from the air show, Mr. Smith affirmed.

On December 15, 2018, the Fox Airport Association held their annual Christmas Party.

Ninety-four percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and none of the hangars are utilized for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were up 21 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 12 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 63 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 14 percent as compared to the same month last year and gas consumption was up 28 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

The PAPIs have been repaired and are now back in service.

New carpet was installed at the Airport Traffic Control Tower, and trees were trimmed at the Osborne entrance.

AAC promoted Mr. Ernie Umana as the new assistant manager. Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that AAC has a potential candidate to fill the position of manager. Mr. Wardle also informed the Commission that AAC will hire a customer service representative to fill the reception area.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that AAC responded to a letter from Mr. Peter Hartmann.

The Whiteman Airport Association held their annual holiday party at the old terminal building on December 13, 2018.

Ninety-five percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 2 percent are used for non-aviation purposes.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 5 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 3.7 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 3.6 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 33 percent and water consumption was down 31 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Repairs to the roof of the Experimental Aircraft Association hangar were completed on November 30, 2018. No additional problems have been reported since the repairs were made.

The broken directional signs on the taxiway and the face plates on the fuel dispenser were replaced.

Mr. Diaz recognized his assistant manager for his quick response to addressing graffiti on the airport.

Grates will be installed over the new drainage ditch in February 2019.

The Experimental Aircraft Association will host their monthly Young Eagles rally on January 26, 2019, all are welcome.

The annual Compton/Woodley Airport toy drive and holiday celebration took place on December 14, 2018. Mr. Diaz thanked all the organizations on the airport for their support.

Commissioner Simmons requested the addition of lines to the run-up area. Chairman Lord informed the Commission and Mr. Diaz that the Experimental Aircraft Association developed a best practice document that will address Commissioner Simmons' concern.

Mr. Smith elaborated on the best practice document and stated that it will serve as information and education for the public that uses the airport.

Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Smith if there is a new terminal building in the future for Compton/Woodley Airport. Mr. Smith addressed Commissioner Simmons' question.

Ninety percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 35 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

In the month of November, Avgas fuel sales were up 14.6 percent, and in the month of December, Avgas fuel sales were down 4 percent as compared to the same months last year.

Electricity consumption was down 12.5 percent for the month of November and down 4 percent for the month of December as compared to the same months last year.

Water consumption was down 13.2 percent for the month of November and down 44 percent for the month of December as compared to the same months last year.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

The handicap signs in front of the terminal building were replaced and LED lights were installed at the wash rack.

An enclosure behind Annia's Kitchen was added to cover the restaurants' stored items.

Mr. Curioso informed the Commission that new mats were replaced at the terminal building.

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.

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.

Ninety-seven percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 27 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were up 6 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 14 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 40 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 13 percent and water consumption was up 61 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

Mr. Wardle introduced Ms. Simone Carter as the newly hired assistant manager at Brackett Field Airport.

Mr. Lonctaux informed the Commission about the passing of Mr. Wei Chen, a well-known tenant at Brackett Field Airport.

The rapid intervention vehicle truck is being repaired at the shop and the sweeper will also be sent out for needed repairs once the truck is returned.

The remodeling of the interior of one of the Sherriff's building on the airport is close to completion and the Instrument Landing System upgrade should be certified soon.

The Brackett Airmen Association hold their monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month and Display Day is on the third Sunday of every month.

The contractor that is working on the repairs to the hangars that were damaged by the fire is close to completion.

Eighty-five percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 19 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Aircraft operations on the airport were down 9.4 percent as compared to the same month last year.

In the month of November, Avgas fuel sales were down 9.4 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 28.1 percent. In the month of December, Avgas fuel sales were down 9.5 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 2.2 percent as compared to the same months last year.

Electricity consumption was up .03 percent and water consumption was up 27 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 with copies of the November and December 2018 Expense and Revenue Report and provided an explanation of revenue received from the State.

Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Amber Cristillo-Bracamontes as the Senior Typist-Clerk for the Aviation Division and Ms. Som Sakounphong as the new Staff Assistant II.

Commissioner Pascucci introduced Mr. Ryan Antoon as the new Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Kuehl, 3rd District.

Mr. Smith provided information on the upcoming Caltrans annual inspection that will take place on February 12th and 13th and addressed the government shutdown and the impacts on project reimbursements.

The FAA's Office of Airport Safety and Standards will conduct a land use inspection of San Gabriel Valley Airport that will take place March 4th through March 6th.

Mr. Smith provided a summary of capital projects taking place at all five County-owned airports and a fact sheet with capital project information.

Mr. Smith spoke to the Commission regarding the lack of policy addressing charitable organizations and/or non-profit organizations who request assistance such as discounted rent or free facilities from County airports.

D. Brackett Field Airport Items

Mr. Smith shared with the Commission information on the improvements that will take place at Brackett Field Airport.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association President, expressed to the Commission his ideas of having a museum at San Gabriel Valley Airport and his request for assistance from the County regarding free rent.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 10 a.m.
at Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3528**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. in memory of Mr. Wei Chen.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Holloway, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

RS:cd