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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

MAY 26, 2010, MEETING

General Wm. J. Fox Airfield

4555 West Avenue G

Lancaster, CA 93536-8401

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman George G. Butts
Vice Chairman Angelo R. Cardono
Secretary Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard L. Smith, Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. George Gomez, Staff Assistant, Aviation Division

AMERICAN AIRPORTS - AIRPORT SERVICES DIVISION STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Rafael Herrera, Manager, El Monte Airport
Mr. Jason Morgan, Manager, Whiteman Airport
Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield

GUESTS

Mr. Barton Gover, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
Mrs. Barbara Michael, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
Mrs. Tracy Beach, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
Mr. Chuck McCormick, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.
Mr. George Prewitt, General Wm. J. Fox Airport Association
Mr. Gene Gaynor, General Wm. J. Fox Airport Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Butts called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Chase led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. April 28, 2010, Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes on a motion by Commissioner Dennis Lord seconded by Commissioner Bobby Chase.

American Airports - Project Manager's Report

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- No development updates to report; airport staff has been concentrating on general maintenance and upkeep items throughout the airport.
- The roof was replaced at the airport's wash rack.
- A handrail will be installed on the ramp located in front of the administration building.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on May 20, 2010, with 60 attendees. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2010, at 7 p.m.
- The third Challenge Air Fly Day event was held on May 8, 2010. Commissioners Dennis Lord and Jerome Alexander along with 100 volunteers and 37 aircrafts participated in this great event. Fuel and man hours were provided by American Airports Corporation (AAC).
- Whiteman Airport currently has 17 hangars available for rent.

Mr. Jared Fox-Tuck reported on events at Brackett Field Airport:

- Airport staff is currently working on grass and weed control.
- AAC and the Aviation Division are currently discussing a request by Southern California Edison to have 7 pine trees removed that run along the side of the South Hangar Row.
- The airport's fuel island paint project is near completion.

- The restrooms located at Hangar Row I are currently being restored and will soon to be reopened for tenants and airport users.
- The Brackett Association Group barbeque event was rescheduled for June 6, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on events at Compton/Woodley Airport:

- Compton/Woodley Airport is progressing with Phase 2 of the pavement rehabilitation project; concrete will be poured this week. Phase 2 is anticipated to be completed by mid July 2010.
- A fuel meter was replaced and certified at the self-serve fuel island.
- The airport's pilot controlled lighting was inspected by the County of Los Angeles Radio Technicians. They reported no abnormal issues with the system.
- On May 14, 2010, the Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum hosted its Annual Legacy Dinner and silent auction at the Proud Bird Restaurant, and on May 15, 2010, they hosted their Annual Career Expo event at Compton/Woodley Airport.

Mr. Rafael Herrera reported on events at El Monte Airport:

- Airport staff is working on an ongoing weed control project throughout El Monte Airport. This project is expected to be complete in the upcoming weeks.
- On May 6, 2010, Mr. Carlo Diaz, El Monte Airport Operations Supervisor, attended a two-day Quality Control Seminar hosted by Chevron.
- On May 8, 2010, El Monte Airport hosted a Hazardous Waste Round-up event organized by Environmental Programs Division. This event was open to all County residents. Various hazardous materials and e-waste were collected throughout the day.
- El Monte Airport hosted 3 meetings between the Control Tower, Fire Department, and airport staff to discuss several emergency procedures. These meetings were offered to the 3 different shifts who respond to our airport.
- On May 19, 2010, the San Gabriel Airport Association and Dr. Budincich had a pictorial presentation of general aviation's mission in the Haitian Relief effort. Dr. Budincich, a chiropractor, who is a based tenant, flew his C210 on 4 missions from Florida to Haiti with aid and medical staff.

Mr. Steve Irving reported on events at General Wm. J. Fox Airfield:

- A replacement to the nonworking constant current regulator was installed, and all taxiway lights are operating as normal.
- Boeing Corporation has started to operate flights 2 times per day including weekends in and out of General Wm. J. Fox Airfield.
- Toyota Motors is currently conducting a promotional photo shoot at the airport.
- A Young Eagles event was recently held at the airport.

B. County Contract Administrator's Report – Mr. Richard Smith

The Commission was provided copies of the April 2010 expense and revenue report, and Mr. Smith offered to answer any questions.

Secretary Simmons inquired about March's expenses under Design Division, Geotechnical, and contract administration charges. Mr. Smith stated that Design Division charges represent labor charges from Department of Public Works' staff, who have been working on upcoming airport improvement projects. The Geotechnical Division will continue to be involved with the Compton/Woodley Airport pavement rehabilitation and the vapor extraction projects.

Commissioner Lord asked if the charges under County Counsel are legal fees related to his request to review the Study of Unsecured Property Taxes affecting tenants at Compton Airport. Mr. Smith stated that the Aviation Division uses County Counsel services to review lease documents, claims, litigations, recent contract negotiations, and charges will be minimal for the review of the study.

- Mr. Smith announced that the Assistant Division Chief position is currently open, and the Airport Project Coordinator position continues to be unfilled.
- On May 11, 2010, Public Works obtained Board of Supervisors approval to establish the slurry seal projects at Bracket Field and El Monte Airports. Advertisement for construction bids will start on June 9, 2010, and a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2010.
- On May 4, 2010, Public Works received 8 bids for the Whiteman Airport aircraft parking ramp project with the low bid in the amount of \$824,000. The bid submitted is 35-percent lower than the Public Works engineer's estimate. Construction is estimated to start in fall 2010.
- The Los Angeles County Aviation Division is working with Architectural Engineering Division to put a job order contract in place to install an

underground electrical line across Osborne Street as part of the Airpark Way Entrance Improvements at Whiteman Airport.

C. Annual Rate Adjustment

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that on July 20, 2010, Public Works intends to request Board approval of a 2.71 percent rental rate increase on aircraft storage hangars at the five County-owned airports. If approved, the new rental rates will become effective August 1, 2010. Public Works adjusts the airport management contractor's (AAC) minimum payment annually based on the provisions of the contract. AAC has historically requested an equal percentage increase in the hangar rents to offset their increased costs. He reminded the Commission there was no increase in the hangar rents last year, and AAC requested that it be postponed one year in an effort to be sensitive to the then recent downturn in our nation's economy. This year's requested increase is the sum of the 2009 and 2010 minimum payment adjustments on the airport management contract, which were 3.86 percent and negative 1.15 percent respectively.

Commissioner Lord made a motion to recommend the rate increase to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chase, and the motion passed without further discussion.

D. Customer service survey results

Mr. Smith provided the Commission with the results of the 2010 Customer Service Survey. Approximately 1,500 surveys were distributed and 434 responses were received. The overall average rating for all airports was 3.93 out of 5 points possible, with 5 being the highest in overall satisfaction.

E. General Wm. J. Fox Airport Association Items

No additional items.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Gene Gaynor stated the Antelope Valley is currently facing a high rate of 17 percent unemployment, and he suggested the Commission evaluate the annual rent increase of each County-owned airport as an individual and to reduce the annual rent increase to tenants of General Wm. J. Fox Airfield.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Barton Gover, Senior Airport Planner, and other staff members from Parsons Brinckerhoff, who participated with the Fox Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee meeting held prior to the Aviation Commission meeting. He stated that the discussion held at this meeting contributed toward

project progress and significant details of the first chapter, which is the inventory phase.

Mr. Smith announced that Brian Ranch Airport will be hosting their Sixteenth Annual World's Smallest Air show on May 29 and May 30, 2010, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:

**Wednesday, June 30, 2010 7 p.m.
Brackett Field Airport
1615 McKinley Avenue
La Verne, CA 91750-5837
(909) 593-1395**

Commissioner Lord adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. in memory of Mr. Frank Fisch, a long-time tenant at El Monte Airport; and Mr. Dan Riley, Compton/Woodley Airport tenant and airplane partner of Commissioner Dennis Lord.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton Simmons, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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