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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

APRIL 28, 2010, MEETING

Whiteman Airport
12653 Osborne Street
Pacoima, CA 91331-2192

IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman Angelo R. Cardono
Secretary Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord

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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. Keith Burton, Whiteman Airport Association Group
Mrs. Shellie Hagopian, Whiteman Airport Association Group
Mr. Robert Soriano
Mr. Don Hagopian, Whiteman Airport Association Group
Mr. Ed Strucke, Whiteman Airport
Mr. Ron Lisberg, Whiteman Airport

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Angelo Cardono called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Cardono led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. March 24, 2010, Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes on a motion by Commissioner Jerome Alexander seconded by Commissioner Lord.

American Airports - Project Manager's Report

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

- Boeing Corporation will start to operate daily flights in and out of General Wm. J. Fox Airfield.
- Airport personnel are currently working to keep runway and airport facilities clean of weeds caused by the recent light rain.
- A new constant, current regulator was ordered and is scheduled for installation in the next few weeks.
- No wind issues or damages to report.

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

- Construction of the taxiway is complete, and North Runway 8L/26R and Taxiway N are open.
- Brackett Field Airport hosted an antique aircraft and automobile display on April 18, 2010.
- A dead tree was removed from the park area and replaced with a Camphor tree.
- The Airport Association Group will be hosting a barbeque event on June 5, 2010, at 4 p.m.

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

- Phase 1 of the Compton/Woodley Airport pavement rehabilitation project is complete. Phase 2 began on April 12, 2010.
- A new pedestrian gate was installed next to Hangar Row N to facilitate access from Alondra Boulevard to the airport hangars.
- New tires were installed on the airport's rescue truck.
- On April 12, 2010, the airport completed its yearly fire extinguisher certification.
- Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum will be hosting its yearly Career Expo event on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

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

- Final touches were completed on the taxiway construction project. The project was completed within 60 days.
- On April 21, 2010, the airport hosted a Q & A meeting with tenants, Los Angeles County, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) tower officials to obtain feedback on projects and airport issues.
- New lighting was added to the terminal building, providing higher visibility of the building, airport signage, and flag pole.
- On May 8, 2010, the El Monte Airport will be hosting a Hazardous Waste Pick-up event organized by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District.

Mr. Jason Morgan reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- Construction of five, commercial hangars adjacent to the U.S. Marshal's hangar is near completion.
- The Whiteman Airport Association meeting was held on April 15, 2010, with 100 attendees. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2010, at 7 p.m.
- Mr. Jason Morgan, Airport Manager, and Mr. Ara Martirosyan, Assistant Airport Manager, participated in the Aviation Career Day event on April 23, 2010, hosted by Van Nuys Airport.
- May 8, 2010, Whiteman Airport will be hosting the third Challenge Air Fly-Day event.

- Whiteman Airport hangar vacancy rate has increased. American Airports Corporation is advertising the vacancies throughout the airport and in local newspapers.

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

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

Secretary Simmons inquired about March's expenses under Memberships and Geotechnical and Materials Engineering (GMED). Mr. Smith stated they are memberships to the American Association of Airport Executives, contract tower dues, and staff memberships. GMED is currently involved with the Compton/Woodley Airport pavement rehabilitation project and working on two upcoming slurry seal projects, which are scheduled for construction next fiscal year.

Secretary Simmons also commented about the dust blowing out of the airport from the pile of asphalt that is being reused on the Compton/Woodley pavement rehabilitation project, located at the north west of the airport. He stated that the contractor should take a proactive approach to protect the people around the airport and possible fines for the contractor.

- The annual airport customer service survey is in progress with 350 submittals currently received. The survey will be open until the end of April.
- Chapter 1 of the General Wm. J. Fox Airfield Master Plan has been received and is currently under review. Members of the Technical Advisory Committee have been screened and approved by the Aviation Division. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 26, 2010.
- Aviation Division will send a notice to precede letter to Environmental Programs Division requesting an initial study for alternative 1 of the Whiteman Airport Master Plan Update.
- On May 11, 2010, a request for Board of Supervisors approval will be submitted to establish the slurry seal project at Bracket Field Airport.
- The mandatory construction pre bid meeting for the aircraft parking ramp project at Whiteman Airport was held on April 21, 2010. Bids are due to Department of Public Works by Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

C. Whiteman Airport Items

No additional items.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Ed Strucke expressed concern regarding heavy vehicle traffic throughout taxiway and hangar rows at Whiteman Airport.

Mr. Ron Lisberg suggested the Commission report back on the action items discussed during previous Commission meeting. He also inquired about procedures on how to request a copy of the recorded audio of the Aviation Commission meeting.

Mr. Don Hagopian shared with the Commission that the airport's control tower is reminding all pilots to contact ground control prior to approaching the run-up area to avoid violations and to comply with FAA regulations.

IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:

**Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 7 p.m.
General Wm. J. Fox Airfield
4555 West Avenue G
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401
(661) 940-1709**

Commissioner Lord adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. in memory of Mr. Al Gacharna, a long-time tenant at Brackett Field and former owner of Brackett Radio.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton Simmons, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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