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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

August 25, 2010, MEETING
Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3599
(310) 631-8140

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman George G. Butts
Vice Chairman Angelo R. Cardono
Secretary Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Bobby E. Chase
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Diego Cadena, Deputy Director, Administration
Mr. Richard L. Smith, Division Chief, Aviation Division
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Division 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. Cyle Woodruff, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General Wm. J. Fox Airfield

GUESTS

Mr. Richard Lindsey, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Rhon Williams, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Jack Kenton, Compton/Woodley Airport

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cornwall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. June 30, 2010, Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Lord and seconded by Vice Chairman Cardono, the June 30, 2010, minutes were approved and adopted.

B. American Airports - Project Manager's Report

Mr. Scott Wardle introduced Mr. Cyle Woodruff as the new Brackett Field Airport Manager.

Mr. Andrew Marino reported on events at Whiteman Airport:

- Installation of the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) is scheduled to begin August 30, 2010. The estimated time of completion is 2 weeks.
- A parking pass program was implemented at the airport. This program will prevent overflow parking and help identify vehicles that do not belong on the airport.
- As a preventative measure, two hundred feet of brush was removed from around the generator room.
- Two fuel hoses were replaced at the fuel island.
- The Whiteman Airport Association hosted a barbeque event on July 2010.
- On August 18, 2010, a Runway Safety meeting was held at Whiteman Airport, signage and future changes to the Air Traffic Control (ATC) language were discussed.
- On September 11, 2010, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will host a fundraiser garage sale from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at their facilities.
- On September 20, 2010, the airport will hold their annual fire extinguisher recertification program for airport tenants.

Mr. Cyle Woodruff reported on events at Brackett Field Airport:

- Mr. Woodruff announced Mr. Jorge Quintero as the new Brackett Field Assistant Manager.
- The restrooms located at Row I are now working properly; minor plumbing work was complete and new sinks were installed.
- New weed abatement equipment including a new tractor was ordered and is scheduled to be delivered by next week.
- A landscaping company was hired to cut back the ivy from the fencing area of the terminal building parking lot.
- Operations crew logged approximately 300 hours in the past 60 days with the new tractor to control weeds throughout the airport.
- There was an incident involving a truck making a delivery to an airport tenant. The truck struck wiring connected to a hangar which tore into a panel of hangar siding. Appropriate repairs are underway.
- While following behind another vehicle, a Sheriff's Department vehicle crashed into the airport entrance gate on the south side of the airport. The gate has been repaired.
- The flight school formerly known as Ballard Aviation is back in operation at the airport with slightly less aircraft.
- The Brackett Airport Association will be sponsoring the Glider Flights event, which will be held on September 19, 2010.

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

- The airport has been active with operations related to local fires.
- One of the P-2 Tanker aircraft had lost an engine on departure on the same day but was able to drop its load of fire retardant and return safely to land at the airport. There were no injuries or damage to persons or property.
- On September 11, 2010, the annual Pilots' Association Fly In event will be held and include a pancake breakfast and static aircraft display. The event will be open to the general public.
- The Pilots' Association requested that American Airports Corporation (AAC) look into installing window treatments to reduce sun glare in the Terminal Building. AAC is currently investigating alternatives.

- Trailers which had been parked on the airport and were utilized by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) were removed from the airport. The CAP had ceased its activities at the airport about two years ago and was no longer utilizing the trailers.

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

- Annia's Kitchen (restaurant) has exercised an option to renew their lease at the airport to continue operations for the next 5 years.
- On July 12, 2010, AAC representatives and Richard Smith of the County of Los Angeles (County) met with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at the FAA Regional Office regarding runway incursions and pilot deviations at the County airports. Following the meeting, AAC will be installing additional signage at the airport to prevent incursions and/or deviations. AAC will also be meeting with the San Gabriel Valley Pilots' Association to reiterate the importance of avoiding and preventing incursions and deviations.
- On July 22, 2010, a Wilga aircraft was auctioned off by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the aircraft was sold.
- On August 11, 2010, the airport switched fuel providers from Chevron to AvFuel.
- A new County gate card access system was installed at the airport. The new system offers advanced technologies and better tracking and reporting capabilities.
- On July 14, 2010, there was an incident involving an aircraft which veered off of the runway while on takeoff roll sustaining damage to the aircraft only and no injuries.
- As recommended by the FAA's Runway Safety Action Team, airport staff painted black borders highlighting the yellow runway hold-short markings.
- It is anticipated that the AWOS will be installed at the airport on September 7, 2010.
- A pre-construction meeting will be held at the airport on September 1, 2010, for the upcoming runway/taxiway slurry seal project anticipated to be under way in the Fall of 2010.

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

- Phase III of the pavement reconstruction project at Compton/Woodley is nearly finished. Once Phase III is complete, the hangars on the north side will be relocated to the Phase III area, which should take approximately

60 days. Phase IV will follow the relocation of the hangars. The project is on schedule and the tenants have been very cooperative.

- Pedestrian gates with code access systems will be installed at the FBO hangars. It is anticipated that this will reduce the vehicle traffic on the airside of the airport.
- The AWOS installation project will be starting in the next few months.
- There was an incident at the airport on August 14, 2010, involving a C-182 that landed long on Runway 25L and impacted the west perimeter wall. The aircraft sustained substantial damage, but there were no injuries. Runway 25L was closed throughout the incident and Runway 25R was temporarily opened to permit operations until the incident aircraft was removed.
- The California Black Aviation Association (CBAA) will hold their annual Compton Air Fair at the airport on October 9, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commissioner Lord stated that airport staff is doing a great job in keeping the landscaping up at the Central Avenue entrance gate area. He mentioned that he has not been receiving any complaints regarding phase III of the project.

Commissioner Butts questioned why the Sheriff's were called to respond to the incident at the airport on August 14, 2010, as it appeared that there were seven Sheriff's vehicles responding to the scene. Mr. Marino informed the Commission that they contact 911 for such incidents or accidents and typically the Sheriff's and Fire Departments will respond. Mr. Marino assured Commissioner Butts that AAC will meet with the Sheriff's Department to debrief on the incident to ensure appropriate responses to aircraft incidents.

Commissioner Butts also mentioned that the faucets in the men's restroom were loose. Mr. Marino stated that he was informed of the problem, and the faucets would be repaired as soon as possible.

County Contract Administrator's Report – Mr. Richard Smith

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Jason Morgan to the Commission as the new Assistant Chief for the Aviation Division.

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

- Equipment for the installation of the AWOS project was delivered. Whiteman Airport will receive the first installation followed by Compton/Woodley, El Monte, and Brackett airports. The equipment supplier will be onsite to perform initial training to airport users once the installation of each system is complete.

- On July 13, 2010, Public Works received 3 bids for the Runway Slurry Seal project with the low bid in the amount of \$348,487. A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled with the contractor and the project is anticipated to start in early Fall 2010.
- Public Works requested an amendment from the FAA for the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant due to a recent increase in project cost. After reviewing the request, the FAA amended the ARRA grant authorizing an additional \$215,000 for the Pavement Rehabilitation project at Compton/Woodley Airport.

C. Compton/Woodley Airport Additional Items

No additional items were reported.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Richard Lindsey announced that starting September 30, 2010, the FAA will implement new ATC phraseology for instructing pilots to enter the runway to await takeoff clearance.

Mr. Jack Kenton recommended that the County consider installing a gate by the fence of the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) building, to facilitate the usage of the man-lift around the building. He also recommended having a temporary Notice to Airmen if the Pilot Controlled Lighting is unreliable. In addition Mr. Kenton stated that the lighting of the Compton Court House building looks good from the ground but is difficult to distinguish while flying 1,500 feet above the ground.

IV. NEXT AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING:

**Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 7 p.m.
El Monte Airport
4233 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, Ca 91731-1697
(626) 448-6129**

Chairman George Butts adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton Simmons, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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