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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

**February 28, 2018, meeting
Compton/Woodley Airport
900 West Alondra Boulevard
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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Clinton Simmons
Vice-Chairman Dennis Lord
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Harvey A. Holloway
Commissioner Steve A. Weeks

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 Lonceteaux, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General William J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association
Mr. James M. Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clinton Simmons called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Clinton Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the January 24, 2018, minutes was deferred for the next Commission meeting for lack of a quorum.

B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on American Airports Corporation Items

Mr. Wardle updated the Commission on the upcoming lease agreement with Antelope Valley College at General William J. Fox Airfield. American Airports Corporation (AAC) is in negotiations with two potential aviation tenants at Brackett Field Airport.

At Whiteman Airport, there are two parties interested in developing the helicopter operations area at the airport. Therefore, AAC will update and disseminate the Request for Proposal forms for the site.

A letter of intent was submitted to AAC requesting to build additional hangars and administrative offices at the Compton/Woodley Airport.

Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

Mr. Lonctaux reported to the Commission that repairs to stop leaks in the water main at the airport are complete.

There was a rain delay for the 99's painting project, but the 99's will continue to repaint the airport identifiers located in front of the terminal building once the rain ceases.

The Brackett Airmen Association holds its monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month and Display Day on the third Sunday of every month.

On February 10 and 11, 2018, the Civil Air Patrol held a Search And Rescue EXercise event at the airport.

Eighty-five percent of the aircraft hangars are occupied, and 25 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage purposes.

Avgas fuel sales were down 9.9 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 27.4 percent, compared to the same month last year. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 17 percent, compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Nineteen LED lighting fixtures were installed throughout the airport.

Phase II of the Ramp Rehabilitation project is in progress, and the estimated day of completion is early May 2018.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association is finalizing the production of a Promotional Video financed by American Airports' marketing plan funds. The video will be displayed on the monitor located in the terminal building.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., and the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Thirty-four hangars at the airport are vacant, and 18.6 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation.

Avgas fuel sales were up 83 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 62 percent, compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Andrew Marino Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Mr. Marino informed the Commission that the beacon was not rotating properly. Repairs to the beacon are complete, and fuel filters were replaced on the fuel trucks and fuel dispensers.

The annual CPR/first aid class was held for AAC operations coordinators.

On January 31, 2018, the lighting regulator controlling the lighting intensity was replaced, and Mr. Marino thanked the Aviation Division for paying the expenses.

On February 5, 2018, Mr. Marino and staff provided a tour to a local elementary school.

On February 11, 2018, a tragic aircraft accident in the Agua Dulce vicinity took place and a known pilot to the airport, Mr. Tom Hastings, lost his life.

Ninety-two percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 12 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales are up 19.6 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were consistent, compared to the same month last year. Aircraft operations on the airport were up 1.25 percent compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that the carpet at the entrance of the terminal building was replaced, and airport staff trimmed the vegetation growing on the wall by the Wilmington entrance.

The signage on the oil bins and trash cans was repainted, and the faded placards by the fuel pit were replaced.

At the north hangars, 24 worn out panels were replaced, and caution signs were stenciled on the roofs as a precaution.

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that the Runway and Taxiway Rehabilitation project is in progress.

The Young Eagles will host its rally event on February 24, 2018.

Chairman Simmons inquired on adding a taxi edge line. Mr. Diaz and Mr. Smith informed him that a broken line can be added.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 35 hangars are used for non-aviation. Avgas fuel sales are up 10 percent, compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Steve Irving Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items

The Fire Department utilized the airport during the emergency fire operations in the month of December 2017 and conducted a fire inspection on January 23, 2018.

Mr. Irving provided the Commission with a list of the confirmed performers for the upcoming 2018 Air Show event.

Chairman Simmons inquired about the parking accommodations for the air show. Mr. Irving stated that parking is a topic they are addressing.

Barnes Aviation is changing owners and will continue operating from the airport.

New airport promotional items are being developed as part of American Airports' marketing fund.

Avgas fuel sales are up 14 percent, and Jet-A sales were up 11 percent compared to the same month last year. There are four vacant hangars, and no hangars are used for non-aviation storage purposes. Aircraft operations on the airport were up 6 percent, 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 January 2018 Expense and Revenue Report and provided an explanation to Vice-Chairman Lord on the increase fuel sales.

Chairman Simmons inquired on the expenses under County Counsel. Mr. Smith provided a brief explanation to the Commission on the different services that County Counsel provides.

Commissioner Castagna requested a 3-year ratio of non-aeronautical and aeronautical use on the airports. Mr. Smith provided the requested information and a brief explanation on the findings.

At the last meeting, Chairman Simmons requested that the flags at the Compton/Woodley Airport be flown properly. Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that all flags at the airport will fly on one pole until the proper poles are installed.

The Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Bill will go forward, but it will not include the verbiage regarding air traffic control privatization. Mr. Smith provided a summary on the bill and offered a copy.

The Los Angeles County Aviation Commission met with the Federal Aviation Administration to discuss the annual airport capital improvement project program. Mr. Smith provided a summary to the Commission on the future projects that were approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

A meeting with 25 members of the San Gabriel Valley Airport Association, Commissioner Castagna, and Aviation Division staff was held at the San Gabriel Valley Airport. The topics that were discussed included tenant involvement, airport contract, hangar rents, airport planning and development, airport marketing, and tenant involvement in decision making. As a result, Mr. Richard Smith committed to conducting a hangar rent survey and to meet with the same group in about a month to continue the discussion.

Commissioner Castagna reiterated that a rent survey would also be of interest for the Commission. Commissioner Castagna also mentioned there are challenges involved in updating airport master plans, but there are alternative methods such as a business plan or strategic plan for effectively planning for development at the airports.

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

D. County Airports Nonpermanent Hangars and Temporary and Portable Structure Draft Policy

Commissioner Castagna reported the draft policy for Nonpermanent Hangars and Temporary and Portable Structure is intended to be a tool for evaluating buildings that may need to be removed in the future. Commissioner Castagna recommended that the committee be disbanded at this time as the policy is not a requirement. Mr. Smith agreed, and action will take place at the next Aviation Commission meeting.

E. Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that a non-profit organization is interested in building a terminal building to include space to expand his aviation non-profit organization at the airport.

Chairman Simmons paid tribute to Black History month and shared some of Compton/Woodley Airport's history.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. James Haney of the San Gabriel Valley Association requested that in the future any request for feedback from tenants not be requested during the holidays and suggested that Aviation Division be more responsive to tenant inquiries that are submitted. Chairman Simmons stated that all five airports are communicating with the airport leadership, and he welcomed input at the monthly Aviation Commission meetings.

Mr. Winn Williams, Port Hangar Association, requested that the association be allowed to extend their lease at Brackett Field Airport. Mr. Williams also requested that he be granted keycard access for a full year as opposed to 30 days.

Mr. Gabe Lopez of the San Gabriel Valley Airport Association expressed his concern with the fuel prices at the five County airports and suggested that the Commission consider having a business on the airport, for example a museum, that would attract the community.

Mr. Wardle provided a brief explanation to Mr. Lopez on how fuel that is sold on the airports is purchased.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 10 a.m.
at General William J. Fox Airfield
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton Simmons, Chairman
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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