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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

March 21, 2018, meeting
General William J. Fox Airfield
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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Clinton Simmons
Vice-Chairman Dennis Lord
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Harvey A. Holloway
Commissioner Steve A. Weeks

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

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, 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

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 and February 28, 2018, minutes were 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 informed the Commission that a lease agreement was executed with Antelope Valley College at General William J. Fox Airfield. American Airports Corporation (AAC) continues to negotiate with two potential aviation tenants at Brackett Field Airport.

American Airports Corporation conducted a Rental Rate Survey Report and will present the outcome to the Commission at the next Aviation Commission meeting.

The Request for Proposals for the south hangar at San Gabriel Valley Airport is pending finalization. At Whiteman Airport, M&D Aircraft Storage, Inc. requested an extension to their lease and American Airports Corporation is working on a draft.

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

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

A distance marker that was damaged on the runway was replaced.

Phase II of the ramp pavement rehabilitation project is 90 percent complete.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association finalized the production of a Promotional Video financed by American Airports' marketing plan funds. The airport association is in the process of purchasing a television that will display the promotional video 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-three hangars at the airport are vacant, and 19 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 12 percent, compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 59 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down .5 percent, compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Andrew Marino Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

County hangar inspections were held on March 8th thru March 12th and fire extinguishers that were pending recertification were also serviced.

Weed abatement was conducted on the safety and ramp areas.

A business based on the airport produced a large aerial photo which is now on display in the terminal building conference room.

American Airports Corporation donated \$3,750 to MEND, a local non-profit organization.

On March 2, 2018, stormwater samples were collected as part of the annual stormwater monitoring plan. Mr. Marino reported to the Commission that results of the sampling indicated that state guidelines were met; no follow-ups were required.

Mr. Marino informed the Commission that a large For Lease sign was placed on the parcel that was returned by Arc Machines as part of the lease extension agreement.

On March 10, 2018, the San Fernando 99s and the Civil Air Patrol hosted Girl Scouts Badge day and on March 15, 2018, the Whiteman Airport Association held its monthly meeting. The next association meeting will be held on April 19, 2018.

On April 27, 2018, Whiteman Airport will host a booth at the Annual Van Nuys Career Expo and on May 5, 2018, the Aviation Explorers 747 will hold their second annual Fundraising Gala.

The Experimental Aircraft Association will host its Young Eagles event on March 24, 2018.

Ninety-one 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 were up 13.8 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were down 3 percent, compared to the same month last year. Aircraft operations on the airport were up 10 percent compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Pete Loncteaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

Mr. Loncteaux reported to the Commission that all repairs to the water main at the airport are complete.

Rain delayed the 99s' painting project, but they will continue repainting the airport identifiers located in front of the terminal building once the rain stops.

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.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics West Coast Convention will be held November 2nd through November 4th at the Pomona Fairplex.

The Taste of La Verne will be held on October 16, 2018, and the Annual Open House will be held on October 20, 2018.

On March 8, 2018, the Gilead hosted its Annual Gilead Sciences Scholarship Event in the terminal building.

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 up 4.2 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 23.7 percent, compared to the same month last year. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 11.6 percent, compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

The reset switch and the ground cable static reel on one of the fuel pumps were replaced.

On February 23, 2018, the annual AWOS inspection and certification took place.

William Wu, Chief of School Police for Compton School Police Department, and the Los Angeles Sherriff's Department visited the airport with the intention of establishing a command post on the airport in the event of an emergency.

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

The annual Compton Woodley Airport Open House and the Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles Air Fair will be held on May 19, 2018.

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that a helicopter operator desires to run a banner service out of Compton Airport and stated that it would be too much of a safety concern to the homes that surround the airport.

Ninety-eight percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 35 hangars are used for non-aviation. Avgas fuel sales are up 17.5 percent, compared to the same month last year.

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

A water tanker company is utilizing the airport as a training site for the tanker pilots.

Chairman Simmons requested that proper signage be added on Avenue G that identifies the airport.

Avgas fuel sales are up 10 percent, and Jet-A sales were up 37 percent compared to the same month last year. There are four vacant hangars. Aircraft operations on the airport were up 14 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 February 2018 Expense and Revenue Report and provided an explanation about increased labor expenses.

The legislative conference is taking place in Washington, DC. Lobbyists, the Public Works Director, and others are representing airports and advocating for contract towers and increased passenger facility charges.

The annual Airport Customer Service Survey will begin March 12, 2018, and surveys will be collected through April 30, 2018.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission about the litigation concerning the general contractor and sub-contractor who worked on the Taxiway Project at General William J. Fox Airfield.

D. General William J. Fox Airfield Items

Mr. John Fergione, Los Angeles County Air Show Administrator, provided a summary of what the 2018 Air Show will include.

Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to Mr. Fergione for the time and effort that he dedicates to the production of the air show.

Commissioner Weeks requested that a discussion on Commission meeting frequency and location be added to the April 25, 2018, Aviation Commission meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

None.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 7 p.m.
at Whiteman Airport
10000 Airpark Way
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton Simmons, Chairman
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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