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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

September 27, 2017, meeting
General William J. Fox Airfield
4725 William J. Barnes Avenue
Lancaster, CA 93536-8401
(661) 940-1709

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman George G. Butts
Secretary Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Harvey A. Holloway
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Gabriel Perez
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. Ed Sause, President, American Airports Corporation
Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Pete Lonctaux, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley 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

Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Jon Smallldridge, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Mr. Jeff Strouse, San Gabriel Valley Airport, Aerial Sim Training
Mr. Jorge Vasquez, San Gabriel Airport Tenant
Mr. Mauricio Gonzalez, Mission Flight San Gabriel Valley Airport
Mr. Mike Gabelman, Mission Flight San Gabriel Valley Airport

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Harvey Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for the August 30, 2017, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Castagna, seconded by Commissioner Amundson.

B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on American Airports Corporation Items

Mr. Wardle reported to the Commission that the gate systems at all five airports will be serviced and repaired by a new vendor experienced in this type of gate systems.

The Lessee at Whiteman Airport provided American Airports Corporation a written proposal to repair and renovate the restroom.

Whiteman Airport will use marketing fund money to advertise the parcel that was returned by ARC Machines, Inc.

American Airports Corporation is finalizing the lease with the Antelope Valley College at General William J. Fox Airfield and a new lease for one of the larger hangars at Brackett Field Airport.

Mr. Andrew Marino Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

The California Department of Transportation performed its annual inspection of the airport.

The annual vapor recovery test of the fuel storage facility at the airport was conducted; there were no errors found or repairs needed.

A potential restaurant operator is interested in leasing the restaurant area in the terminal building. The interested party is drafting a proposal.

A solar panel contractor is installing solar panels on a third-party hangar at the airport. Mr. Marino elaborated on the project at Commissioner Castagna's request.

The next Whiteman Airport Association meeting will be held on October 19, 2017, and the next Young Eagles meeting will be held on October 28, 2017.

The Whiteman Airport Open House was held on September 23, 2017. Mr. Marino stated that the event was a success and over 1,000 people

attended. Secretary Simmons asked Mr. Marino to elaborate on the advertising that was done for the event. Mr. Marino stated that signage and flyers were purchased with the marketing fund money for the open house.

The American Heroes Air Show will take place at Hansen Park on November 4, 2017, and on October 14, 2017, an air rally will take place at the airport.

On September 26, 2017, there was an aircraft incident on Runway 12. An aircraft landed with its landing gear up and sustained minor damage. No injuries were reported. The runway was briefly closed following the incident.

Ninety-two percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied, and 15 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales are up 10.2 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales are down 2.3 percent, year to date. Aircraft operations on the airport were up 12.9 percent.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Mr. Curioso informed the Commission that the asphalt on the north side of the airport continues to be surveyed.

The annual Airport Open House event will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017.

Mr. Curioso summarized and explained to the Commission the marketing fund expenditures.

Thirty-three hangars at the airport are vacant and 18 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation.

Avgas fuel sales were down 15 percent, and Jet A fuel sales were down 22 percent, compared to last year. Aircraft operations on the airport were down 0.3 percent.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Airport management received training on the storm water pollution prevention program, and airport staff replaced worn-out lights throughout the airport.

Promotional banners and flyers for aircraft display day were ordered as part of the marketing fund budget.

The California Department of Transportation conducted its annual inspection of the airport, and no deficiencies were noted.

Mr. Diaz announced to the Commission that Compton/Woodley Airport will host an e-waste collection event on October 7, 2017.

The Experimental Aircraft Association held its Fly-In Model Expo on September 23, 2017, and had 300 attendees.

On September 13, 2017, a tenant suffered a heart attack on the airport and was assisted by paramedics on site.

On September 25, 2017, there was a multiple-aircraft incident on the airport. The aircraft sustained damages, and no injuries were reported.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars on the airport are occupied. Avgas fuel sales are down 13.5 percent, year to date.

Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

The California Department of Transportation conducted its annual inspection of the airport, and results are pending.

The electrical unit in the terminal building that was not functioning properly was repaired.

The company that was working on the north side of the airport perforated a watermain, and repairs to the watermain were completed by the end of the day. Commissioner Lord asked Mr. Lonctaux to elaborate on the incident.

The apron/ramp pavement rehabilitation design project continues.

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 City of La Verne will host its Taste of La Verne – Wine and Festival event at the airport on October 10, 2017, and the annual open house will be held on October 14, 2017.

Eighty percent of the aircraft hangars are occupied, and 23 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage purposes.

Avgas fuel sales were down 1.9 percent, and Jet A fuel sales were down 19.5 percent, compared to last year. Aircraft operations on the airport were down 2.3 percent.

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

The California Department of Transportation performed conducted its annual inspection of the airport. There were no discrepancies reported.

The project to remove the underground storage tank has commenced, and efforts to restore the front terminal lawn continue.

The United States Forest Service continues testing the Precision Container Aerial Delivery System. Other tanker companies expressed their interest in renting the grid to conduct similar test. American Airports Corporation will rent the grid for a fee.

On October 28, 2017, the airport association will host a pancake breakfast in the morning, and the Wings and Wheels will host an event in the afternoon.

In October, a Runway Rehabilitation project kick-off meeting was held. Mr. Irving and Commissioner Holloway attended the meeting.

As part of the marketing plan, the airport and the Pilots Association continue their efforts to build a ground school. In November, the airport will participate in local events with the Los Angeles County Air Show.

Avgas fuel sales are up 19 percent, and Jet A fuel sales are up 44 percent, year to date. There are five vacant hangars, and no hangars are used for non-aviation storage purposes.

C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Richard Smith Reported on the Following Items:

Mr. Smith provided the Commission with copies of the August 2017 Expense and Revenue Report. Mr. Smith presented to the Commission the option of using the previous format or continue with the revised format.

- **Airport Master Record 5010 Form Inspection**

Mr. Smith summarized what the California Department of Transportation reviews and inspects when conducting its annual Airport Master Record Form 5010 airport inspections.

- **Air Traffic Control Privatization Memo**

A copy of air traffic control privatization memo was shared with the Commissioners, and a final draft is pending authorization from Public Works Administration.

- **The Association of California Airport Conference (AB 483)**

Mr. Smith attended the Association of California Conference and spoke on AB 483 Airport Pollution, which would mandate air quality monitoring at General Aviation noncommercial airports such as Whiteman Airport. Assemblyman Bocanegra, who initiated AB 483, will be touring the airport in October.

- **San Gabriel Valley Airport Hangar Issue**

A meeting was held with Mr. Lopez regarding the hangar water infiltration issue, and architects are considering the feasibility of Mr. Lopez's proposed solution.

- **Sustainability Shred**

Mr. Smith provided an elaborate explanation to the Commission on the implementation of the first Envision-ranked project.

- **Capital Project Updates**

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

- **Portable/Temporary Hangar Policy Subcommittee**

The subcommittee will address and develop a formal policy regarding portable and temporary hangars at all five County-owned airports. Commissioner Castagna will chair the subcommittee, and Commissioners Cornwall, Weeks, and Lord were nominated as members of the subcommittee. Meetings will be held in the Public Works' Aviation Division Conference room located in Alhambra.

D. Update on KSMO – Dave Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins shared a PowerPoint presentation, which provided an update on the situation with Santa Monica Airport. Mr. Hopkins explained the impact that the surrounding airports would have if the airport closes and the educational outreach that the Santa Monica Airport Association continues to disseminate.

E. General William J. Fox Airfield Items

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Dr. James Haney, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association, requested an update on the possessory interest tax increase. Chairman Butts stated that the County is aware of his concern.

Mr. Jon Smalldridge, Mission Aviation Fellowship, thanked Mr. Wardle for working on the vehicle gates that are regularly out of service.

Mr. Jeff Strouse, San Gabriel Valley tenant, requested an update on the additional security cameras at San Gabriel Valley and the status on the Request for Proposals. Mr. Wardle informed Mr. Strouse that American Airports Corporation is finalizing the Request for Proposals.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 10 a.m.
at Whiteman Airport
10000 Airpark Way
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393
(818) 896-5271**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George G. Butts, Chairman
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission