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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

November 27, 2019, meeting
San Gabriel Valley Airport
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MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

VACANT
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord
Vice-Chairman Peter Amundson
Secretary Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
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. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport

GUESTS

Mr. Gabe Lopez, San Gabriel Valley Airport Association
Dr. James Haney, Aviation First
Mr. Robert Head, San Gabriel Valley Airport Tenant
Mr. Mark Menzenhall, Pasadena Police Department
Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport Tenant
Mr. Fred L. Emmert, Airviews

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2019 and October 31, 2019, minutes was deferred for the next Commission meeting for lack of a quorum.

B. American Airports Corporation – Contract Manager Report

Mr. Wardle provided information on the current lease updates that are taking place at the five County-owned airports.

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that American Airports Corporation has a Manager vacancy at Whiteman Airport.

The water pressure regulators at the Airport Traffic Control Tower and the CC Row hangars were replaced.

Trees at the airport were trimmed and the fuel pump on the Avgas truck was replaced.

Repairs to the street lights along Airpark Way are complete and the County hangar inspections at the airport are near completion.

Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Wardle if the increase of tiedown and hangar tenants is attributed to tenants coming from Van Nuys or Santa Monica airports. Mr. Wardle informed that it is mainly tenants with secondary planes or tiedown tenants moving into hangars.

Commission Simmons asked if there was any new information on a potential restaurant at Whiteman Airport. Mr. Wardle mentioned of an interested party in having a snack bar instead of a restaurant.

On December 6, 2019, the Federal Aviation Administration will be at the airport to certify the new precision approach path indicator fixtures.

Ninety-seven percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 9.1 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were down 2.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 5.7 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 18 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 29 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 33 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

The Apron Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation Project will commence on January 2020 and enhancements to the landscaping around the terminal building are scheduled for March 2020.

Mr. Wardle thanked Chairman Lord for his attendance at the Experimental Aircraft Association Regional Young Eagles Rally that was held on November 2, 2019.

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

Eighty-three percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 18.5 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 23 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 16 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 10.3 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 6.4 percent and water consumption was consistent year to year.

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items

The two water main line breaks and the malfunction to the east gate were repaired.

The Runway Pavement Reconstruction Project is scheduled to commence in March 2020 after the Air Show. The Air Show will be held on March 21 and 22, 2020.

The International Aerobatic Club, Chapter 26 hosted their event at the airport on November 8 thru 10, 2019.

The Fox Airport Association will host their annual Holiday Party on December 14, 2019, at the terminal building.

Ninety-four percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and none of the hangars are utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were up 8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 14 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 76 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 2 percent and water consumption was up 8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Chairman Lord asked Mr. Wardle for elaboration on the water main breaks. Mr. Wardle informed Chairman Lord that the breaks are related to older infrastructure.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Repairs were made to the water leak by the wash rack, the rotating beacon, and the gate access system.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 35 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales were up 1.1 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 7.1 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was up 36.9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that the annual Holiday Party will be held on December 20, 2019, and it will be open to the public.

Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Diaz for more details regarding the Holiday Party and the malfunction of the gate access system. Mr. Diaz provided the additional details requested.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

San Gabriel Valley Airport Association and American Airports Corporation held a barbeque on November 11, 2019.

Los Angeles Fire Department inspected the fuel storage system on November 13, 2019, and a Runway Safety meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration was held on November 14, 2019.

Maintenance to the sweeper and the water fountains is complete.

Vice-Chairman Amundson inquired about the number of attendees at the last San Gabriel Valley Open house. Mr. Curioso informed Vice-Chairman Amundson that 5,690 attended the event.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., and the San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane/Auto Display and Aircraft Swap Meet is held every fourth Sunday of the month at the airport.

The San Gabriel Valley Remote Control Association meets every fourth Thursday of the month and the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the airport.

Ninety-three percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 28 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 18 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 26 percent, and Jet-A fuel sales were up 31 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 4 percent and water consumption was down 5 percent as 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 copies of the October 2019 Expense and Revenue Report.

Mr. Smith provided an update on the possible sources of funding for the Automated Complaint System (ACS).

Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Smith if there was any update on the situation at Catalina Airport. Mr. Smith stated that the issue is closed now that the airport constructed a new runway.

Mr. Smith presented to the Commission an overview of airport financing and how airport improvement and maintenance projects are funded.

Secretary Harvey Holloway made a suggestion to provide additional clarity on the current fund balance as it relates to unfunded needs.

Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Smith if the terminal building project at Compton Airport was on schedule. Mr. Smith informed Commissioner Simmons the terminal building is a priority and on schedule.

D. Election of Commission Officers for 2020

Dr. Haney, Aviation First, inquired about the vacant Commissioner position for Supervisor Hilda Solis' district. Chairman Lord stated that Commissioners are appointed by the five Supervisors and encouraged him to inquire with the First District.

For lack of a quorum, this item was postponed.

E. Approval of the 2020 Meeting Calendar

For lack of a quorum, this item was postponed.

F. Whiteman Airport Items

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Fred Emmert, Air Views, shared with the Commission his aerial photography services and provided a proposal. Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Emmert additional questions about his price list and services.

Chairman Lord asked Mr. Smith for his thoughts on the information provided by Mr. Emmert. Mr. Smith invited Mr. Emmert to contact him and added that Aviation Division typically uses Public Works' Community and Government Relations Group Division for these types of services.

Dr. Haney, Aviation First, thanked Mr. Smith for his overview on what it takes to operate the airports and spoke about the Part 13 complaint with the FAA, airport rents and the rental discount rate, the non-aviation use of hangars, and the rents and fees study.

Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport tenant, asked the Commission about the start date for the Apron Ramp Pavement Rehabilitation Project at Brackett Field Airport and requested the vacancy numbers for Brackett Field Airport. The Commission provided Mr. Williams with a copy of the Brackett Field Airport report.

Chairman Lord informed the Commission that a special meeting will need to be held in the month of December to finalize the approval of minutes, election of Commission Officers for 2020, and the approval of the 2020 meeting calendar.

III. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 7 p.m.
at Brackett Field Airport
1615 McKinley Avenue
La Verne, CA 91750-5846**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Holloway, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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