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AVIATION COMMISSION

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

**Virtual Meeting
May 26, 2021, at 7 p.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
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VICE-CHAIRMAN

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Harvey Holloway
Vice-Chairman Gabriel Perez
Secretary Curt Castagna
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Arthur Vander Vis, Assistant Deputy Director, Aviation Division
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION – AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Pete Lonctaux, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. James Miller, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Forty-five attending guests were able to listen or participate live via telephone or by joining the meeting through the Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harvey Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Clinton Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for the April 28, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Clinton Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Forouzan Golshani.

B. American Airports Corporation – Contract Manager Report

Mr. Wardle provided an update on the maintenance hangar at San Gabriel Valley Airport and the remodeling plans underway at three airport administration offices.

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

Mr. Wardle provided an update on the landscape and janitorial service contracts and other activities taking place at the airport.

The Air Show is tentatively scheduled for October 23rd and 24th, 2021.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and one hangar is utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were up 14.6 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 25 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 149 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Scott Wardle Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Repairs to the gate on Wilmington Avenue, weed abatement throughout the airport, and repairs to the airport vehicle are complete.

Trash services were interrupted at the airport but have resumed.

On May 1, 2021, the Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum hosted a camping supply giveaway. In the month of June 2021, the Experimental Aircraft Association will resume their Young Eagles program at the airport.

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 60 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

The pavement rehabilitation project is in the final phase and repairs to the taxiway lighting and the self-serve fuel pay system are complete.

Eighty-two 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 256 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 617 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 80 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. James Miller Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Tree trimming, replacement of windsock and wind tee lights, and repairs to the bathroom drain on CC-row hangars are complete.

Mr. Miller provided updates on meetings and events at the airport.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 8 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 97 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 63 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 137 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Weed abatement at the airport continues and preparation for the administration office remodel has commenced.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane and Auto Display event was held at the airport. All meetings at the airport are postponed until further notice.

Ninety-four percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 24 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 46 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 64 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 86 percent as compared to the same month last year.

C. American Airports Corporation – Marketing Fund

Mr. Wardle reported that as part of the Marketing Fund, promotional patches were ordered, the monument sign at San Gabriel Valley Airport will be repainted, and updates to the Civil Air Patrol office at Brackett Field Airport are in progress. He also shared a list of potential marketing initiatives for the five County airports.

Mr. Morgan shared input received from Commissioner Pascucci regarding marketing the County-owned airports. He also explained the purpose of the Marketing Fund available to American Airports Corporation in the near-term and stated that Public Works will be developing a longer-term marketing plan for the County-owned airports.

Followed by discussion.

D. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Jason Morgan

Mr. Morgan provided updates on airport projects, the airport service contracts, grants being pursued for the County-owned airports, and the Air Show to be held at General William J. Fox Airfield in October 2021.

He also stated that the new Rapid Intervention Vehicle for Compton/Woodley Airport is expected to be delivered in June 2021.

E. San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission that the COVID-19 Testing Center continues to operate at the south parking lot and elaborated on the new aircraft inspection and repair shop at the airport.

Mr. Morgan shared with the Commission an article from the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives highlighting a local resident who was inspired by the San Gabriel Valley Airport.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Seven speakers commented on the operation, maintenance, and activities at the airports.

III. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Chairman Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Castagna, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission