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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2023, 7 p.m.

Brackett Field Airport

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IN ATTENDANCE

Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon
Secretary Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Justine Johnson
Commissioner Dennis Lord
Commissioner Jeff Mort

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Chair Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Paul Maselbas, Assistant Deputy Director
Mr. Jason Morgan, Assistant Chief, Aviation Division
Ms. Van Tran, Staff Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. Garry Wilt, Brackett Field Airport Guest
Mr. Winn Williams, Brackett Field Airport Guest
Mr. James Miller, Civil Air Patrol
Mr. Joshua Smith, Brackett Field Airport Guest
Mr. Carlos Calderon, Menzies Aviation
Mr. David Kolstad, Experimental Aircraft Association

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Ryan Antoon called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Forouzan Golshani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the May 31, 2023, meeting

The minutes for the May 31, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Peter Amundson and seconded by Commissioner Curt Castagna.

B. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – General Report

Mr. Morgan provided the Commission a brief overview of Brackett Field Airport and a summary of the hangar occupancy quarterly report for all five County airports. Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

C. Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 8 percent in the month of May 2023, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports in the month of May 2023, were up 6 percent from the previous month, as compared to the same month last year.

D. Los Angeles County Public Works Aviation Division – Airport Management Update

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

Mr. Morgan provided the following updates to the Commission:

No major projects are taking place at the airports.

The final draft of the Pavement Management Program is expected to be available in July 2023.

The Rents and Fees Study update for all five County airports is expected to complete in mid-July 2023.

A virtual meeting was held on May 25, 2023, for the Compton/Woodley Airport design project for the new terminal building. An on-call consultant is updating the project webpage and the website information will be shared at the next meeting.

Airport Property Management

At Brackett Field Airport, upgrades were made to the electrical panels located at the vehicle access gates on McKinley Avenue and on Fairplex Drive.

On July 18, 2023, the annual Federal Aviation Administration Runway Safety Advisory Team meeting will be held at Brackett Field Airport.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the main vehicle access gate adjacent to the airport terminal building was repaired and is in service. Repairs are underway for the South Central Avenue vehicle access gate.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, repairs are underway for the airport operations service gate on the north side due to recent vandalism. On June 2, 2023, Caltrans Division of Aeronautics conducted its annual inspection of the airport.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, the County self-serve Avgas fuel dispensers are currently out of service; repairs are expected soon. Various upgrades were made to the main vehicle access gate located adjacent to the terminal building.

On June 1, 2023, Caltrans Division of Aeronautics conducted its annual inspection of Whiteman Airport. A small brush fire occurred on June 18, 2023, along the entrance roadway on Osborne Street and was extinguished by the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

Qualified proposals for the Request for Proposals to provide full-serve and self-serve fueling services at General William J. Fox Airfield and Whiteman Airport were received and are being evaluated.

Airport Events and Activities

Brackett Field Airport will be hosting an Aircraft Owner's and Pilots Association fly in event, in recognition of the Association's 85th anniversary, which is anticipated to take place in August 2024.

During the month of June, the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the 99s repainted the airport identifier and elevation on the ramp area at Brackett Field Airport.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, Coulson Aviation concluded its 2 days of water drop testing for their firefighting support aircraft.

At Whiteman Airport, Civil Air Patrol provided a tour of the airport to students from local Pacoima Charter school on June 6, 2023, and on June 24, 2023, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40, provided flights to 99 kids at their Young Eagles event.

Whiteman Airport Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Maselbas informed the Commission that Public Works is still reviewing the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport report that will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The final report will be shared with the Commission.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

The on-call planning consultant is reviewing the draft updates for the airports website and finalizing the plan to engage airport stakeholders to solicit input.

Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion on the website features, marketing plan, and resources. A timeline for the beta website will be shared with the Commission.

E. Update from Aviation Commission Subcommittee – Neighborhood Outreach and Airport Stakeholder Engagement

Commissioner Justine Johnson provided an update on the email sent to the Commission members regarding Subcommittee goals, and invited attendees who have an interest in being part of the stakeholders list to submit their contact information.

F. Proposal to have Future Aviation Commission Meetings in a Hybrid Meeting Format

Mr. Maselbas presented to the Commission an update on the costs and logistics information for the hybrid meeting format.

Commissioners discussed and requested information on the costs to have non-interactive audio-only broadcast versus video broadcast on the website, allow public comments to be submitted via email prior to the meeting, the origin of the hybrid meeting request, and clarification on who can attend remotely.

G. Subcommittee to Review the Re-envisioning Whiteman Airport Process

Commissioner Castagna presented to the Commission a motion to form a Subcommittee of the Commission to review the Community Advisory Committee Re-envision Whiteman Airport report when it is made available to the Board of Supervisors and provide related comments and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Castagna's motion was seconded by Commissioner Lord, the Commission held a brief discussion, one speaker commented on the agenda item, and the motion was then unanimously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Castagna will serve as Chair for the Subcommittee. The selection and voting on the three other Subcommittee members will be discussed at the next meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

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

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 7 p.m.
at Compton/Woodley Airport
901 West Alondra Boulevard
Compton, CA 90220-3528**

Vice-Chair Antoon adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Forouzan Golshani, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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