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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2024, 10 a.m.

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

COMMISSIONERS

RYAN ANTOON
CHAIR

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MEMBER

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MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Chair Ryan Antoon
Secretary Dennis Lord
Commissioner Monique Earl
(No Quorum)

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Vice-Chair Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner 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. John Litton, Barnes Aviation
Mr. David Kolstad, Experimental Aircraft Association
Mr. John Marcin, Whiteman Airport Tenant
Mr. David Lunt, Whiteman Airport Tenant
Mr. Doug Nuckolls, General William J. Fox Airfield Tenant
Ms. Kerry Landon, High Desert Avionics
Mr. Jeff Landon, High Desert Avionics
Mr. Steve Irving, United States Air Force Plant 42
Mr. Scott Liefeld, General William J. Fox Airfield Tenant
Ms. Christine Litton, Barnes Aviation

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ryan Antoon called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Monique Earl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

A. Minutes for the February 28, 2024, meeting

Approval of the minutes was deferred for the next Commission meeting for lack of a quorum.

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

Mr. Morgan provided to the Commission a brief overview of General William J. Fox Airfield.

Aircraft Operations (Takeoffs and Landings) and Fuel Sales

The overall aircraft operations for all five County airports were up 19 percent in the month of February 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

The overall fuel sales for all five County airports were up 2 percent in the month of February 2024, as compared to the same month last year.

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

Airport Projects (including Grant Funding)

No major projects are taking place at the airports.

Design is currently underway for the reconstruction of approximately 14 acres of runway and taxiway at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

The design for pavement reconstruction of the north runway and taxiways at Brackett Field Airport will begin later this year.

Potential design and construction opportunities are being explored for the new terminal building at Compton/Woodley Airport.

Commissioners inquired about transportation and construction planning for the 2028 Summer Olympics event, which will be held in Los Angeles. Commissioners also requested to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

Airport Property Management

At Brackett Field Airport, repairs are underway for the mid-field north side vehicle access gate.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, repairs are scheduled for the Precision Approach Path Indicator system.

At General William J. Fox Airfield, repairs are planned for the airport beacon light and lighting for the airport entrance signage on Barnes Avenue. Public Works will likely be soliciting proposals in the next few months for the aeronautical development of an area of approximately 2 acres at the airport.

Repairs will be made on April 2, 2024, to the pavement on a small portion of the primary taxiway at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are currently replacing older ramp and hangar area lighting with LED lights throughout Whiteman Airport.

Contracts for fueling services at General William J. Fox Airfield and Whiteman Airport were approved and will be executed with the contractors in the coming months.

Digital newsletters for each airport will be released soon. Commissioners requested information for the designated contact person for the newsletters to add additional email addresses to the distribution list.

Airport Events and Activities

At Brackett Field Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration held their Pilot Proficiency Program session on March 7, 2024.

At Compton/Woodley Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 96 held an inaugural Compton Unified School District Aerial Drone Competition event on March 16, 2024, at Dominguez High School. The 3rd annual Steppin 4 Autism event and the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 96 Young Eagles event will both be held on April 20, 2024. The celebration of the airport's 100th year anniversary will likely occur at the annual Airport Air Fair to be held later this year in October.

The annual Air Fair at San Gabriel Valley Airport will be held on May 4, 2024, and the flyer will be shared with the Commission.

At Whiteman Airport, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 40 will host their Young Eagles event on March 30, 2024.

Airport Marketing and Public Relations

An Airport Strategic Communications and Marketing Plan is being developed for the five County airports. Public Works and Aviation Commission Subcommittee met with the planning consultant and are finalizing the report.

D. Airport Rents Study

Mr. Maselbas provided to the Commission a summary of the airport rents and fees study reports and a detailed explanation on the aeronautical and non-aeronautical rental rates. The reports and rental rates are posted on the Aviation Division website. Public Works is planning to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to increase the non-aeronautical hangar storage rents to match fair market value.

Mr. Maselbas also mentioned to the Commission about the Federal Aviation Administration Part 13 complaint from a hangar tenant and will provide further updates at the next meeting.

Commissioners engaged in a brief discussion regarding the information presented.

E. Update on the Restoration of the Historical Monument Recognizing the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet

Secretary Dennis Lord shared with the Commission a brief update on the restoration of the historical monument.

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, April 24, 2024, at 7 p.m.
at Whiteman Airport
10000 Airpark Way
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393**

Chair Antoon adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Lord, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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