

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Doherty, Hayssen, Smith, Starrett, Walters (arrived at 6:15 p.m.) and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved with support from Smith to approve the October 2008 minutes Commission Meeting Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 11 complaints since the October 2008 meeting.

1. Jeff Vakassian – loud, low overflight
2. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
3. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
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5. Mark Wilmarth – loud jet overflight
6. Eileen Felton – helicopter circling overhead
7. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air is too loud
8. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air is too loud and too low
9. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air is too loud and too low
10. Scott Griffin – loud jet overflight
11. Scott Griffin – loud overflight

B. Tower Report

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, reported to Stout that there was nothing specific to report at this time, as he was unable to attend.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that Horizon Air continues to do well, but the Las Vegas load factor is lower than they anticipated. The Airport is working with Horizon Air on a marketing strategy and ways to increase ridership.

D. EIR/EA Update

Stout reported that the draft scope of work has been completed and incorporated into a contract with RS&H and should go to the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2008 for their consideration.

E. Projects Update

Stout reported on the status of the following Airport projects:

- The FAA hired surveyors who identified approximately 200 trees penetrating Airport airspace, which will have to be either trimmed or removed. This has resulted in the FAA submitting changes to the Airport's landing minimums, although approximately half of

the trees have already been trimmed or removed. The airport's CATII Special will be cancelled bringing the minimum from 1800 to 2400 RVR and decision height from 200 feet to 298 feet.

- Installation of the fence around the Nemeth property still needs to be completed. The contract for demolition of the residence has not been completed.
- The bid for re-sealing the tile grout and cleaning of the Nob Hill, Becker and terminal bathrooms has been sent to Purchasing, which is still waiting for insurance from the vendor.
- The electrical repair for the Tower has been completed.
- The electrical upgrade for Apron "F" has been rescheduled to start the week after Thanksgiving.
- The landscaping on Becker Blvd. has been completed.
- Landscaping between the Museum gate and Becker Blvd. is planned for spring 2009.
- The hangar painting project that was scheduled for the fall has been delayed until spring.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Set Rates & Charges

Stout reviewed the subcommittee recommendations for a five-year rate plan. The Airport's plans to improve hangar maintenance were discussed.

Smith moved with support from Starrett to approve the Hangar Rent Schedule 2009 to 2013. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Rules & Regulations Update

Stout reported that the draft of the Rules & Regulations will probably be ready for review in April 2009.

B. Minimum Standards Update

Stout reported that the Minimum Standards draft is anticipated to be available in January 2009 for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Stout said that the owners of the Zeppelin re-evaluated the area designated for parking and servicing the airship and that they plan to submit a plan to upgrade the area prior to starting service in spring 2009.

Stout announced that there will be a presentation of a business and marketing plan for the Airport at the December 2008 meeting by Fred Davis of TriStar Marketing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Oliver, representing the Sierra Club, clarified a prior remark that the Airport be relocated to state that commercial service should be relocated to a second airport site. He also had questions regarding moving the ILS markers and asked if the FAA was planning to change any flight paths.

Hayssen replied that moving the ILS markers would not change the glide paths and that a second airport would create problems elsewhere. Smith said that when the Petaluma Airport was developed, no alternate sites could be located in Sonoma County.

Dave Oliver asked if there is any way to mitigate the impact over populated areas. Stout explained that the EA/EIR will study flight paths.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Doherty thanked both the tenants and members of the public for attending the meeting. Walters remarked that the Becker Gate seems to respond very slowly to gate devices.

Stout said the pedestrian gate codes will be changed quarterly rather than monthly due to problems with the gate hardware accepting new codes.

ADJOURN

Doherty moved with support from Smith to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager