

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Delaney, Hayssen, Starrett and Young (left at 8:15 a.m., at which time the meeting became a discussion only meeting).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Hayssen moved with support from Delaney to approve the February 2009 minutes Commission Meeting Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**ACTION ITEMS:** (Note: This item was moved up in the agenda for action by the quorum.) *Delaney moved with support from Starrett to approve the FY 09/10 Airport Rates & Charges as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Badging and Security Changes**

Stout explained the new TSA requirement for Airport Operations Area (AOA) badges and said the badging will start with the commercial tenants on the Airport.

*(The meeting was a discussion meeting following this item due to lack of quorum remaining.)*

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Complaint Update**

Stout reported that there were seventeen complaints since the February 2009 meeting.

1. Vita Alexio – low helicopter overflight
2. John Nikitopoulos – frequent low overflights and questions regarding complaint process
3. John Nikitopoulos – helicopter overflight
4. Scott Griffin – loud, low overflight (Horizon Air)
5. Marc LaMantia – Horizon Air flew over his home
6. John Nikitopoulos – frequent jet overflights
7. John Nikitopoulos – jet overflight
8. John Nikitopoulos – jet overflight
9. John Nikitopoulos – aircraft flew over his home
10. John Nikitopoulos – aircraft flew over his home
11. John Nikitopoulos – aircraft flew over his home
12. John Nikitopoulos – aircraft flew over his home
13. Shiree Savrie – increased air traffic over her home
14. John Nikitopoulos – aircraft doing circles over his home
15. John Nikitopoulos – Sheriff helicopter circling over neighborhood
16. Kathryn Chester – loud overflight
17. Casey Dotario – 2 aircraft flying too close together

Stout said the 2008 Noise Complaint Summary should be complete by the April 2009 meeting.

**B. Tower Report**

Steve Miller, Tower Manager, reported that the FAA is unlikely to approve a lease back of a new air traffic control tower at this time.

**C. Airline Update**

Stout reported that Horizon Air continues to do well. January 2009 had increased load and passenger factors, while February had a small decrease in passenger counts.

Stout reported that he met with 11 airlines at the Network meeting in Dallas, Texas. He also met with Horizon Air and proposed that they work with Delta to add Salt Lake City and San Diego connections. The Airport is working with Horizon to apply for a small community service grant for this service later this spring.

**D. EIR/EA Update**

Stout reported that the response to the FAA's comments regarding the scope of work will be submitted soon.

**E. Projects Update**

Stout reported on the following projects:

- Terminal remodel – pre-bid walk through is scheduled for March 25, 2009; it has been included in the stimulus package list of projects.
- Apron "A" overlay – FAA has approved \$1.3 million in funding. Construction should begin in May and should be completed by the Air Show.
- Portable restroom for Apron "F" (Gun Club hangar area) – has been ordered and should be shipped soon.
- Tree removal and landscaping project updates.
- Taxiway seal coating will begin this summer. The Airport is still working on a schedule to cover and re-seal all pavements every five years.

**F. ILS Update**

Stout said that the FAA has responded to the Airport's concerns regarding the ILS minimums, and the Airport was notified that in order for the minimums to return to 200 feet, 4 trees still need to be cut and some dirt needs to be leveled. Both of these have been done, and the minimums should be changed back soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

There were no Commission comments at this time.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting concluded at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout, CAE, AAE  
Airport Manager