

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 19, 2006 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Delaney, Doherty, Hayssen (left at 9:15 a.m.), Smith, Starrett, and Young.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Delaney moved with support from Hayssen to approve the December 15, 2005, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**A. Complaint Update:**

Stout reported that two complaints were received since the last meeting. To date there have been no complaints in 2006.

1. Anonymous – aircraft doing “loops” over neighborhood.
2. Anonymous – aircraft doing “loops” over neighborhood.

**B. Tower Update**

Steve Beckmann reported that air traffic in 2005 was close to 2002 levels at 115,000 operations, approximately 15,000 fewer operations than 2004.

**C. Manny's Restaurant**

Stout reported that discussions with the prospective operator for Manny's have been delayed, as the \$1,000 application fee has not been paid. When that is resolved negotiations will be continued.

**D. Airline Update**

Stout said that an “Airline Attraction Report” is currently at the printer to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. It explains the efforts to attract airline service, remaining items to be done as well as a discussion of the state of the airline industry.

Horizon Air is expecting delivery of new aircraft starting in December 2006, and there is a possibility that an aircraft may be available earlier.

Stout added that the runway length has had a huge negative impact on attracting an airline and that STS would currently have service if the runway were 6,000 feet.

**E. Newsletter Articles**

Stout reported that the latest newsletter was mailed last week. Articles and suggestions for articles are always welcome. Stout suggested a maintenance column might be a useful addition.

The Commission moved that business card advertising should be expanded to include Airport tenants for any business as well as Airport businesses.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items at this time.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Airport Projects Update**

Stout said the fence project has been progressing slowly and is about a month behind the contract time. In addition, the rain has slowed the gate upgrades, which should be complete by January 20, 2006.

Installation of the PAPI on Runway 1/19 should be completed in February 2006. The runway damage caused by the "belly" landing is covered by insurance and will be done by North Bay Construction.

The FAA has directed the Airport to trim trees on the McMullen property, and the Airport is in the process of soliciting price quotes for that project.

Finally, Stout reported that the landscaping plan for the terminal area has not yet been completed, and there are still some tree stumps to be removed.

### **B. Neighbors' Meeting**

Stout reported that there will be an Airport Neighbors meeting on Thursday evening, January 26, 2006. REACH and the Air Traffic Control Tower will attend and give presentations to the neighbors and answer questions.

The Sheriff has been asked to attend the July 2006 meeting to talk to the neighbors about the bomb squad, track use and their helicopter operations.

### **C. Airport Merchandise**

Stout said UFS has given permission for Airport businesses to sell the Snoopy logo items. An inventory control procedure still has to be worked out. It will be discussed with the Airport businesses at the quarterly commercial tenant meeting on Friday, February 3, 2006.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Young said the Sheriff is bringing in a new pilot since the last one left to fly for the CDF.

Doherty suggested that signs be added to direct pilots to both fuel islands on the Airport. Stout explained that any signage must be in compliance with FAA regulations and that the tower directs pilots to both fuel islands.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments at this time.

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

There were no commission comments at this time.

**ADJOURN:**

*Delaney moved with support from Young to adjourn. All ayes. Motion Carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout  
Airport Manager