

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the February 16, 2006 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Starrett called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Delaney, Doherty, Starrett, and Walters

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Delaney moved with support from Doherty to approve the January 19, 2006, Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Complaint Update:**

Stout reported that nine complaints were received since the last meeting.

1. Marc LaMantia – increase in air traffic during the last couple of weeks
2. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
3. Walt Koons – low helicopter
4. Shelly – loud jet powered up at 3 a.m.
5. Rebecca – loud noise at 3 a.m., not sure it was an aircraft
6. Marc LaMantia – loud jet overflight
7. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
8. Anonymous – too much air traffic over the neighborhood
9. Anonymous – loud, low overflight

### **B. Tower Update**

Stout reported that Stephen Beckmann has been promoted, and Tim Pforsich is the new Tower supervisor. Pforsich was not present at this meeting.

Stout said that January 2006 operation numbers were the highest since 2001. Operations increased 8%, while complaints decreased 72%.

### **C. Manny's Restaurant**

Stout reported that the County is still negotiating with a potential operator for the restaurant.

### **D. Airline Update**

Stout met with Horizon Air in December 2005. Horizon plans to acquire twelve Q400 aircraft starting in the fourth quarter of 2006.

Mexicana Airlines is looking for opportunities to expand service in California and has a meeting scheduled at the Airport next week.

Aloha Airlines is still interested in service between Santa Rosa and Orange County, but fog is a problem. The Airport is working to upgrade the ILS to decrease the minimums to 1200 visibility and 100 ceiling.

Allegiant Air needs to acquire additional MD83's, which would be allows them to provide between STS and Las Vegas.

**E. Newsletter Articles**

Stout said newsletter articles and suggestions are always welcome.

**F. Neighbor Meeting Update**

Stout reported that thirty-nine Airport neighbors attended the meeting on January 26, 2006. REACH gave a presentation about their operations and services to the community. The neighbors expressed support and appreciation for their services.

Tim Pforsich, the new Tower manager, explained the role of air traffic control and answered questions from the neighbors.

The next meeting will be in July 2006, and the Sheriff will be asked to discuss the helicopter services and use of the track for training and bomb squad activities. In addition, the neighbors expressed concern about the possibility of eminent domain. County Counsel and a County right-of-way agent will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the process.

There were a number of questions and concerns about balloon operations and the Air Show. The possibility of having a discussion of the Air Show at the next evening meeting of the Aviation Commission in May was proposed. Airport neighbors would be invited to that meeting.

**G. Hangar Inspections**

Stout said it's that time again for hangar inspections. Apron F will be first and start in late March.

**H. Hangar 1-25 Maintenance**

Roof coating and exterior painting of Apron C hangars are planned for May and should take about three weeks. Tenants will be notified by letter in late March.

**I. Fuel Flow Report 2005**

Stout referred to the fuel flow report included in the agenda packet. It was suggested that fuel flow and Airport operations be compared.

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items at this time.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Airport Projects Update**

Stout reported that the fence is 95% complete. The gates have had software problems, which are still being diagnosed and repaired. The project is 2 ½ to 3 months behind schedule at this time.

The terminal has been painted, and Airport Service Workers have been working on the landscaping.

The tree trimming on the McMullen eucalyptus grove to meet FAR Part 77 surfaces is almost complete.

It will be four to six weeks before the prop damage to runway 1/19 will be repaired.

Finally, Stout said the Security Building is close to getting its certificate of occupancy.

**B. Airport Days Event**

Stout said the Airport Days Event is being planned for May 20 and 21, 2006. This will be coordinated with PCAM's Climb Aboard weekend. The Airport will waive the fuel flowage fee for the weekend. The 99's have been asked to put on a pancake breakfast; the EAA will have a Young Eagles event that weekend. Volunteers are needed.

**C. Airport Logo Merchandise**

Stout reported that UFS has agreed to allow business on the Airport to sell Airport logo merchandise from their locations.

**D. Neighbor Guide**

The draft of the Neighbor Guide is ready for review by the neighbor committee. After it is complete, it will be sent to realtors and neighbors within a two mile radius of the Airport; it will also be posted on the Airport website.

**E. Apron F Electric Upgrades**

Stout said that the estimate received from the electrical contractor on the County Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) for the electrical upgrade was \$90,000 - \$95,000. This project needs to be reviewed. Updates will be brought back to the Commission.

**G. Airport Hangar Lease Agreements**

Stout reported that County Counsel has prepared a draft hangar lease agreements for initial review. The next step will be a meeting with the Aviation Commission and Airport tenants to discuss the changes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Irv Brown, a tenant, requested that the Airport paint centerlines in front of each hangar door on Apron C when the hangars are painted. Stout indicated that it would be included in the project.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

It was suggested that Aviation Commissioner contact information be added to the next newsletter. That information will be included in the April newsletter.

**ADJOURN**

*Doherty moved with support from Delaney to adjourn. All ayes. Motion Carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout  
Airport Manager