

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 19, 2015 Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Carrillo, Hayssen, McCord, Smith, and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved to approve the November 19, 2015, Aviation Commission Minutes and Smith seconded. Four Ayes. McCord abstained. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 5 aircraft related complaints since the last Commission meeting. Year-to-date complaints are 216 compared to 320 in 2014, a 28.4% decrease.

1. Marilyn Stanley – loud overflight
2. Tiare Welch – frequent commercial airline overflights
3. Jim Barrett – frequent loud overflights
4. Kathy Reiche – aircraft practicing touch-and-goes
5. Grace Anderson – low hot air balloon

B. Tower Report/Update

Stout reported that in October there were 7,734 operations versus 6,675 in October 2014, an increase of 15.9%. Year-to-date there were 72,206 operations compared to 64,117 in 2014, an increase of 12.6%. Stout added that IFR flights are now being broken out on the operations' report.

David Swanson, the Tower manager, said that the temporary tower has worked out well while the tower elevator is undergoing replacement.

Stout reported that the Airport is working with the FAA and FBO's on preparations for increased aircraft parking for the week of the Super Bowl, February 4 through 7, 2016.

Young complimented the ACTC staff on improved communication with pilots as a result of training.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that there were 21,732 passengers in November 2015 compared to 18,150 in November 2014, a 19.7% increase. Year-to-date passenger numbers are 240,129, compared to 220,358 in 2014, an increase of 9.0%.

D. Projects Update

- Airline Apron Rehabilitation – the underground vaults have been installed; the paving should be completed by the end of the week.
- Tower Elevator – the subcontractor lost 4 days since their employees did not cross the SEIU strike picket line.
- Perimeter Fence Clearing – brush has been cleared from approximately half the fence line, and work is progressing on cleaning up black berries and poison oak.
- Industrial Park Building Re-roof – the contractor did not complete the roof, which resulted in leaks during a recent rain storm. The crew has returned to finish the project.

E. Sonoma Jet Center

The slab for the hangar has been completed; hangar construction should begin next week. Josh Hochberg, owner and president of Sonoma Jet Center, thanked the Commission for its support and Airport management for working with PRMD on drainage and storm water management requirements.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board of Supervisors Presentation

Stout presented the Airport 5-year improvement plan draft Power Point presentation that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Due to time constraints, the entire presentation was not reviewed by the Commission.

B. Super Bowl

The Airport is working with the FAA and the FBO's to plan for increased parking for large aircraft during the Super Bowl. Copies of special traffic management procedures and an FAA 2015 review were included in the agenda packet. As part of the FAA's plan to deal with increased traffic in the Bay Area, they will be limiting IFR traffic to airports. Currently STS has been allocated 12 IFR operations per hour. Airport tenants will be subject to these limits and will need to make reservations with the FBO's.

C. Cloverdale Airport

Due to time constraints, this item will be discussed at the next Commission meeting. Young commented that the Cloverdale Airport could be an important resource as back up to existing airports in case of emergency.

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

Hayssen moved with support from Carrillo to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager