

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 17, 2008 Meeting

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Delaney, Hayssen, Smith, Starrett, Walters, and Young (left at 8:20 a.m.).

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mark Thomas, Senior Appraiser, Greg Walsh, Chief Appraiser, and Ramona Turner from the Assessor's office answered questions regarding possessory interest taxes on aircraft and hangars at the Airport. They will supply pamphlets on possessory interest taxes to the Airport, and the Airport will work on putting FAQ's on the website.

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Complaint Update**

Stout reported 17 complaints since the March 2008 meeting.

1. Bob Engert – low jet overflight
2. Bruce Abramson – loud overflight
3. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
4. Bettie Murry – helicopter circling low over her property
5. Bettie Murry – helicopter is continuing to circle low over her property
6. Celia LaMantia – loud jet overflight
7. Jim Lindgren – Horizon Air was too loud
8. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too loud and too low
9. David Oliver – too many aircraft fly over his home
10. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air was too loud and too low
11. Rocida Rockwood – Horizon Air is too loud
12. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
13. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air is too loud and too low
14. Jill (no last name) – loud helicopter overflight
15. Anonymous – loud aircraft in the area
16. Liz Yager – aircraft doing aerial acrobatics over residential area
17. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air is too loud and too low

The draft 2007 Noise Complaint Summary was included in the agenda packet. Stout said the number of complaints compared to the number of operations has increased. The Airport included a comparison to other comparable airports for informative purposes.

**B. Tower Report**

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, said that operations have decreased since 2007 and that fuel prices appear to be playing a role in the decrease.

Pforsich reported that there is a Gulf Stream, which causes a lot of noise complaint calls to the tower. The tower is increasing its hours during daylight savings time. There will be a new employee in training.

**C. Airline Update**

Stout reported that Horizon Air continues to do well. The second Seattle flight started on April 6, and the Las Vegas flight starts on April 24, 2008.

Vision Air has expressed interest in providing service to Reno and possibly coordinating with other airlines for connecting flights. Finally, the Airport sent Express Jet a market and incentive packet for the Airport.

**D. Apron F Update**

Lange reported that the electrical upgrade for the north row of privately owned hangars is nearly complete. The middle row of County and privately owned hangars will be upgraded in Fiscal year 08/09. The upgrades should result in a cost savings to the County, since the old system was allowing electricity to bleed into the ground.

**E. Hangar Inspections**

Stout reported that the "C" Hangars would be inspected on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Tenants were notified.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Recommend FY 08/09 Rates & Charges**

*Walters moved with support from Starrett to approve FY 08/09 Rates & Charges for submission to the Board of Supervisors. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**Action items B, Form Subcommittee for Future Fee Schedule C, Form Subcommittee for Minimum Standards Update, & D, Form Subcommittee for Rules & Regulations Update were combined into the following single resolution:**

*Starrett moved with support from Delaney to (1) appoint Delaney with 2-3 Airport users to form a subcommittee to review and make recommendations for a new fee schedule for hangar rentals, (2) appoint Young with 1-2 commercial Airport tenants to form a subcommittee to review and make recommendations on updates to the Airport Minimum Standards, and (3) to appoint Hayssen with 2-3 Airport users to review and make recommendations for new Airport Rules and Regulations. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**E. Set FY 08/09 Commission Calendar**

*Starrett moved with support from Delaney to establish the Commission meeting schedule for the fiscal year 08/09.*

*July 17, 2008*

*August 21, 2008*

*September 18, 2008*

*October 16, 2008*

*November 20, 2008*

*December 18, 2008*

*January 15, 2009*

*February 19, 2009*

*March 19, 2009*

*April 16, 2009*

*May 21, 2009*

*June 18, 2009*

*All meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the Airport Manager's office. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Walters said the Airport response to the FAA inquiry regarding Sonoma Jet Center's complaint was complete and clearly stated.

In response to questions regarding the truck-to-truck fueling by Kaiser Air, Stout explained that there is a temporary waiver and that Kaiser Air is paying rent on the area impacted by the fueling operation. Stout also said documents are still needed from both Apex and Kaiser Air before the transfer can go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Walters asked what the plans were for the Hamilton Hangar. Stout replied that the new lease has not yet been negotiated, but that PropJet would like to move its operations.

**ADJOURN**

*Starrett moved with support from Delaney to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout, CAE, AAE  
**Airport Manager**