

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Hayssen, Smith, Starrett, Walters and Young.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Smith moved with support from Hayssen to approve the August 2009 Aviation Commission Meeting Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Complaint Update**

Stout reported that there were 17 complaints since the August 2009 meeting. In addition, Stout said that a resident close to the track said the car club members had been entering and leaving the site in an unsafe manner and causing an undue amount of noise during their events. Airport staff has been directed to meet with the car clubs prior to their 2010 season to discuss ways to address these concerns.

1. Ron Tulimieri – loud, low overflight
2. Mark Weston – low jet overflight
3. Jacqueline Maynard – loud aircraft engine noise for about 15 minutes
4. Beverly Shank – loud aircraft engine noise
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7. Glen Baines – loud aircraft engine noise
8. Tom Little – low overflight on a daily basis
9. Steve Burgis – low helicopter overflight
10. Mark Weston – aircraft flying over too early in the morning
11. Ilana Spector – low overflight
12. Valerie Wachtler – low overflight
13. Barbara Wolfe – loud overflight
14. Bill Foss – low overflights
15. Phil Giammona – aircraft doing acrobatics
16. Erick (no last name) – aircraft circling for 2 days
17. L. Tighe – jet overflight

### **Tower Report**

Steve Miller, Tower Supervisor, said that the middle marker is being decommissioned. A new power line for the VASI has to be installed. The plan is to run it underneath taxiway Bravo.

### **B. Airline Update**

Stout reported that through September 2009, there has been a 12% drop in passengers, most of which is due to the lack of the second seasonal Seattle flight. Horizon Air has had a system-wide decrease. An application for a small community air service grant was submitted for revenue guarantees and marketing funds to support service to San Diego.

Stout also said that no other airlines are currently expressing interest in service to Sonoma County.

**C. EIR/EA Update**

Stout reported that work is currently being done on surveys and field work for the EIR/EA. The forecasts have been submitted to the FAA for their approval. The draft document should be ready in March or April 2010 for public review, and it should be ready to go the Board of Supervisors in October or November 2010.

**E. Projects Update**

- Terminal Project – there were utility lines uncovered, which were not on any plans and had to be traced and rerouted.
- Apron “A” Overlay – the project has been completed and closed out. There were no problems reported after the recent rain.
- Taxiway Zulu (between Bravo & Charlie) – it will be reconstructed next year, and the Airport is working to paint enhanced taxiway center lines on all taxiways next year.
- Back-up generator – PRMD is working on the environmental documents required for a new back-up generator for the runway and taxiways; its purchase will be dependent on getting funding.
- Sanders Road Property – the FAA reimbursed the Airport for the property recently purchased on Sanders Road; plans are being made for demolition of the structures.
- Restroom Remodel – the Airport administration office restrooms will be remodeled.
- Airport Property Specialist – as part of Public Works’ restructuring, the Right of Way division was eliminated. The Airport has added a position for an Airport Property Specialist as a result, and an office will be added as part of the existing conference room for that employee.

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items at this time.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussion items at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim DuVander, EAA president, said that the EAA is interested in expanding their aircraft storage space by building green hangars and asked for feedback regarding the Airport position on such projects. Some of their ideas include solar installations and straw bale construction. They also would like to negotiate a long-term lease prior to any construction projects. Stout referred them to the Airport Property Specialist, John Merget.

Dave Oliver, representing the Sierra Club, thanked Art Hayssen for his offer to attend a Sierra Club meeting to explain the ILS at the Airport. He also asked if proposed Airport environmental documents could be posted on the Airport website.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Hayssen asked about the letter from a passenger who felt that she and her husband had been subject to profiling and discrimination by Alaska/Horizon Air employees was included for the Commission to review. Stout explained that the letter had been forwarded to Horizon Air as well as Trinity Technology, the security screening company for follow-up.

**ADJOURN**

*Starrett moved with support from Smith to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout, CAE, AAE  
Airport Manager