

# SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 21, 2010 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Delaney, Doherty, Hayssen, and Starrett, Walters and Young.

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

## **AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Complaint Update**

Stout reported that there were 15 complaints since the December meeting.

1. Eddy Thomas – loud overflight
2. Bill Foss – loud, low overflight
3. Bill Foss – loud overflights
4. Bill Foss – loud overflight
5. Bill Foss – wants aircraft to stop flying over his home
6. Bill Foss – wants aircraft to stop flying over his home
7. Bill Foss – wants aircraft to stop flying over his home
8. Scott Griffin – low overflight
9. Mrs. Rebich – loud overflight
10. Glenn Huebschmann – loud overflight
11. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflight
12. Bill Foss – loud, low overflight
13. Bill Foss – loud, low overflight
14. Bill Foss – loud, low overflight
15. Nowell Ingram – aircraft “buzzing” area

Delaney will schedule a meeting with Mr. Foss to discuss his concerns.

### **B. Tower Report**

Steve Miller, Tower Supervisor, was not present.

### **C. Airline Update**

Stout reported that Horizon Air's operations in 2009 were down, and they had a 9% decrease in passenger numbers compared to 2008. However, Horizon Air is still satisfied with the 71% passenger load factor for 2009. The 2010 Small Community Air Service grant has not been awarded, which means that Horizon Air cannot add the San Diego service at this time.

Stout is attending the Network 2010 Conference in March and will meet with at least seven airlines.

### **D. EIR/EA Update**

Stout reported that the air traffic forecast has to be revised due to changes in FAA reporting requirements. The mitigation requirements are still under review by the environmental

consultants. Stout also said that there is a 2015 deadline for the safety areas to be brought up to standard.

#### **E. Projects**

- Airport administrative office restroom remodel – nearly complete; carpet will be installed in the back entry area this week. Dual flush toilets have been installed on a trial basis.
- Conference room office – scheduled to begin in one week.
- Terminal Project – there was flooding due to blocked drainage, which led to delays and passenger inconvenience.
  - West side – floor poured and walls are up.
  - Columns & Beams – 70% complete.
  - Bathrooms – walls 50% complete.
  - Display Systems – plan to install information display systems showing flight information, TSA information, security information and visual paging.
  - Gift Shop – a vending machine designed to dispense Airport Snoopy logo items will be installed; staff is working with a vendor for this machine, which will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval in February 2010.
  - Public Address System – to be replaced.
- Obstruction Removal – the FAA recommended the second bidder, and tree removal will begin in March or April 2010.
- Airport Security Management System – two proposals were received to upgrade the Airport access gates and are under review.

#### **F. Neighbors Meeting**

Stout said the Airport Neighbors meeting will be held at MESA Beverage Company on Wednesday, February 3 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Tom O’Kane from Public Works will update the neighbors on County plans for the roads in the Airport area, and Steve Miller, Tower Supervisor, will update the neighbors on aircraft traffic patterns.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items at this time.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

MONES Outer Marker Decommission plans were discussed. Hayssen outlined the problems that would arise if this marker is decommissioned. The Commission will draft a letter to the FAA recommending against decommissioning the outer marker.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim DuVander, EAA President, said that the new FAA requirements regarding residents in airport secure areas and the impact on the EAA resident site manager.

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Hayssen congratulated Young on earning his commercial pilot license.

Young announced the loss of Rit Keiter, a long time Airport pilot and hangar tenant.

## **ADJOURN**

*Delaney moved with support from Starrett to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jon Stout, CAE, AAE  
Airport Manager