

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 20, 2010 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney, Doherty, Hayssen, Smith, Starrett and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Hayssen moved with support from Starrett to approve the March 2010 Aviation Commission Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 34 complaints since the March 2010 meeting.

1. Bill Foss – repeated loud overflights
2. Jan Fromelius – loud overflight
3. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
4. Scott Griffin – loud, low overflight
5. Bob (no last name) – loud overflight
6. Gary Radings – aircraft circling overhead
7. Dmitri Alexeev – jet contrails affecting his allergies
8. Karen Kollgaard – balloons scaring live stock
9. Bill Foss – repeated loud overflights
10. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
11. Bill Foss – loud, low overflights
12. Bill Foss – loud overflight
13. Alex at Safari West – helicopter flying over area
14. Eric Stephens – helicopter circling overhead
15. Bill Foss – loud, low overflight
16. Bill Foss – loud, low overflight
17. John Phillips – loud jet overflight
18. Anonymous – low overflight
19. Bill Foss – loud, low overflights
20. Anonymous – loud jet overflight
21. Debra Desoto – loud overflight
22. Loraine Hansmann – loud jet overflight
23. Mr. Rogers – wants aircraft traffic patterns changed
24. Gordon Winstrom – helicopter flying over the area
25. Walter (no last name) – helicopter flying too low
26. Karen Davis – all aircraft fly too low
27. Bill Foss – loud overflights
28. Bill Foss – loud, low overflights
29. Bill Foss – loud, low overflights
30. Bill Foss – loud, low overflights
31. Bill Foss – low overflight
32. Bill Foss – low overflights

- 33. Bill Foss – loud, low overflights
- 34. Phillip Dolcini – helicopter flying over area

Stout said that the annual noise complaint summary for 2009 is near completion.

B. Tower Report

March operations were down compared to 2009, possibly due to continued winter weather.

Ali Metcalf, Tower Manager, reported that pilots are being directed to use a specific runway rather than requesting their preference.

There is a web based ATCT user survey, which Metcalf encouraged as many pilots as possible to complete. Hayssen will forward the link to Airport staff and the commissioners.

Young commented that the controllers have been very helpful to pilots.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that passenger numbers in April were down 9% compared to 2009. Horizon Air is unable to add a third daily flight to Los Angeles (LAX) due to the unavailability of a gate at LAX at this time. A San Diego flight is still under consideration for spring, 2011.

Stout will be attending the annual Jump Start conference in June and has meetings scheduled with six airlines. In addition, Stout has been contacted about an opportunity for scheduled charter service to Reno, Nevada.

D. EIR/EA Update

Stout said the consultant is working with the FAA on the revised air traffic forecast.

E. Projects

- Terminal Remodel – this project is still experiencing delays; however, it is still expected to be complete by the end of July 2010.
- Taxiway Z – a contractor has been recommended to the FAA, but the contract cannot be awarded until the FAA has funds available.
- Taxiways D & Y – the award is on hold pending availability of FAA funds.

F. Peanuts on Parade

Stout said that KaiserAir and Sonoma Jet Center partnered with the Airport in purchasing a Lucy statue. There will be a plaque on the base of the statue crediting the sponsors.

The Airport is working with the City of Santa Rosa on a display rack in the terminal for maps.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Establish FY 10/11 Meeting Schedule

Smith moved with support from Starrett to establish the following dates for the fiscal year 10/11 Aviation Commission meetings (all meetings are held at 8 a.m.).

July 15, 2010

August 19, 2010

September 16, 2010

October 21, 2010

November 18, 2010

December 16, 2010

January 20, 2011

February 17, 2011

March 17, 2011

April 21, 2011

May 19, 2011

June 16, 2011

All Ayes. Motion Carried

B. Airport Business Plan Task Force Representative

Stout reported that a business plan has been developed for the Airport and that a task force comprised of businesses and organizations that have an interest and need for the Airport has been created.

Young moved with support from Hayssen to appoint Delaney as the representative from the Aviation Commission to the Airport Business Plan Task Force. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Runway Safety Action Team Visit

Stout reported on the Runway Safety Action Team Visit on March 24, 2010. A written report will be provided to the Aviation Commission once it has been received from the FAA.

B. Taxi Ordinance

Stout said that both the County and the Airport are developing a taxi ordinance. Stout suggested a special meeting to include taxi owners to review the draft ordinance, possibly in late June or early July 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Doherty reported that swallows are beginning to nest on the walls of some hangars.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Josh Hochberg, owner of South River Aviation, is in the process of acquiring Sonoma Jet Center (SJC) and introduced Charles Brenson, Vice President of Operations, and John Bridi, who will continue as General Manager of SJC. SJC plans to increase maintenance services and would

appreciate suggestions regarding other services SJC might offer Airport users. Stout said the acquisition should go to the Board of Supervisors the third week of June or the second week of July, 2010.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Smith reported that the Board of Supervisor position for District Two is on the June ballot.

ADJOURN

Delaney moved with support from Smith to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager