

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 20, 2008 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Starrett moved with support from Hayssen to approve the February 2008 minutes Commission Meeting Minutes as corrected. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported 25 complaints since the February 2008 meeting.

1. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
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4. Scott Griffin – loud, low jet overflight
5. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air is too loud
6. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
7. Suzanne Hunt – small plane flying under 200 feet along the Russian River
8. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
9. Kenda Sherrer – loud overflight
10. Romano Beltran – loud overflight
11. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
12. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
13. Scott Griffin – loud overflight
14. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
15. Celia LaMantia – loud overflight
16. Lora Penry – low overflights
17. Marc LaMantia – loud overflight
18. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
19. L. Tighe – require mufflers on planes and prohibit flights over city limits
20. Celia LaMantia – loud overflight
21. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air flew too low
22. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air is too loud
23. Scott Griffin – loud overflight, and the Airport is too loud
24. Robert Hillman – loud overflight
25. Kathy Vanozzi (Deakin) loud jet overflight

Stout reported that the draft of the annual noise complaint report is being reviewed at Public Works.

B. Tower Report

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, introduced the new Tower Supervisor, Stephen Miller.

Stout reported on the ILS upgrade to Cat II. The upgrade is done for a 200-foot ceiling and 1,800 RVR approach. An additional RVR and backup generator are required for a 100-foot ceiling and 1,200 RVR approach.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that Horizon Air's passenger numbers improved in February, and the bookings for March and April look good.

Stout attended the Network USA Conference and reported that several airlines expressed interest in Sonoma County due to Horizon's success.

Stout said the Airport is working with Mead & Hunt to upgrade the current terminal and security screening buildings to accommodate more passengers.

D. Gate Card Audit

Stout reported that the gate card audit has been completed, and lessons learned will be incorporated into next year's audit.

E. Possessory Tax Update

Stout said that a list of questions regarding possessory interest taxes has been forwarded to the Assessor with a request for a representative to attend the April 2008 Aviation Commission meeting.

F. Coffee Bar

Stout said the coffee bar is open from 4:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. after which the restaurant is open.

G. Apex Tank Removal

Stout reported that the fuel tanks are in the process of being removed and that, according to EBA, soil contamination does not appear to be a problem.

ACTION ITEMS

A. May Meeting Cancellation

Walters moved with support from Hayssen to cancel the May 2008 Aviation Commission meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Brown Act

Young explained that communications between Commissioners via the Internet must follow the Brown Act. An explanation from County Counsel was included in the packet.

B. Pacific Coast Air Museum

Stout said that the Board of Supervisors has authorized the County to proceed with negotiations with PCAM for its new site at the Sheriff garden.

NEW BUSINESS

Stout said the rates and charges would be ready for the Commission to review and act on at the April 2008 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Long, a member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum, said the museum is meeting with members in the community who have been successful in fund raising, including the major fundraiser for Healdsburg Hospital.

Steve Penning, employee of Sonoma Jet Center, asked if there was a date for the transfer of Apex to Kaiser Air. Penning also requested that the Aviation commission review the proposed lease. Stout said the Commission would be notified when the agreement is put on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors and will be available for the public at that time.

George Johnston requested that a windsock be put on Runway 1.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Delaney asked if there would be a comparison between STS and other similar airports in the Noise Complaint summary. Stout replied that there would be a comparison.

Starrett asked out the status of the EIR for the Master Plan update. Stout said that RS&H and the Airport have been working on a draft for the scope of work. The main contract should be done in June 2008.

ADJOURN

Starrett moved with support from Smith to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager