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AVIATION COMMISSION

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
AVIATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting
October 28, 2020, at 10 a.m.**

COMMISSIONERS

DENNIS C. LORD
CHAIRMAN

HARVEY HOLLOWAY
VICE-CHAIRMAN

GABRIEL PEREZ
SECRETARY

PETER AMUNDSON
MEMBER

RYAN ANTOON
MEMBER

CURT CASTAGNA
MEMBER

FOROUZAN GOLSHANI
MEMBER

JEFF MORT
MEMBER

CHRISTINA PASCUCCI
MEMBER

CLINTON SIMMONS
MEMBER

IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord
Vice-Chairman Harvey Holloway
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Ryan Antoon
Commissioner Curt Castagna
Commissioner Forouzan Golshani
Commissioner Jeff Mort
Commissioner Christina Pascucci
Commissioner Clinton Simmons

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Secretary Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard Smith, Aviation Division Chief
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION – AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Pete Lonceteaux, Manager, Brackett Field Airport
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager, Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General William J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Enrique Curioso, Manager, San Gabriel Valley Airport
Mr. James Miller, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUESTS

Attending guest were able to listen live via telephone or participate by joining the meeting through the WebEx application.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis Lord called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Dennis Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Minutes

The minutes for the September 30, 2020, meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Commissioner Curt Castagna and seconded by Commissioner Clinton Simmons. Motion carried 8 to 0.

B. American Airports Corporation – Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle provided the Commission a summary on the pricing of fuel for last year at Compton/Woodley Airport as requested by Commissioner Simmons.

Mr. Wardle also addressed the draft plans for the Marketing Fund that airport managers are working on and future leases.

Chairman Lord referred to the Marketing Plan provided to the Commission by American Airports Corporation. Mr. Wardle was reminded that the Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles are not allowed to receive free fuel. Chairman Lord welcomes any other support for the organization.

Mr. Pete Lonctaux Reported on Brackett Field Airport Items

Repair to a fire hydrant on the north side of the airport is complete and plans for new landscaping at the terminal building were submitted to Aviation Division as a special project.

The Pavement Rehabilitation Project continues at the airport with a completion date of October 24, 2020.

Mr. Lonctaux informed the Commission on the economic impact taking place at the airport due to Covid-19 and provided a graph to the Commission.

The Brackett Airmen Association meetings are suspended until further notice. Display Day is held on the third Sunday of every month and is closed to the public.

Seventy-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied, and 30 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were down 13 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 41 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were up 11 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 15 percent and no water consumption to report.

Mr. Enrique Curioso Reported on San Gabriel Valley Airport Items

Mr. Curioso informed the Commission that the El Monte Police Department will be relocating its helicopters to Brackett Field Airport and will maintain an office for business inside the Billion Air facilities at San Gabriel Valley Airport.

Removal of bulk trash, repairs to the main gate rail, and paint to the terminal patio railing are complete.

Mr. Curioso announced that an airport employee accepted a position with Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures Department.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Vintage Airplane and Auto Display was held at the airport and no visitors were allowed on the ramp.

Mr. Curioso informed the Commission that meetings at the airport are postponed until further notice.

Ninety-four percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 24 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations at the airport were down 9 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 18 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 63 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 5 percent and water consumption were down 44 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. James Miller Reported on Whiteman Airport Items

Mr. Miller informed the Commission that the secondary containment for the tank farm and repairs to the underground water leaks on Osborne Street are complete.

On October 15, 2020, the airport participated in the California Great Shake Out.

The Civil Air Patrol holds their virtual meetings every Monday and Wednesday and the Whiteman Airport Association meetings are suspended until further notice.

On October 21, 2020, Mr. Miller participated in a virtual meeting with Los Angeles Unified School District to inform staff and students of the available services at the airport once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The Whiteman Airport Association Display Day is held every Sunday. In November the Airport Association will provide signatures to those who participated on past Display Days.

Ninety-eight percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 7 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation purposes. Aircraft operations at the airport were up 8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were up 1 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 14 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 3 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 8 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Steve Irving Reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Items

Mr. Irving thanked Mr. Smith and the Aviation Division for the new tractor that was delivered at the airport and informed that training for airport staff was provided by the dealer.

Repairs to the tenant gate system and the section of the fence that was damaged by an accident near the airport are complete.

The runway reconstruction project is approaching the final stages. The project is expected to be complete by the end of October 2020.

Mr. Irving informed the Commission that all events at the airport are cancelled through the month of November and plans for the October 2021 Air Show are in progress.

Ninety-eight percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and one hangar is utilized for non-aviation storage. Aircraft operations were down 22 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Avgas fuel sales were down 42 percent and Jet-A fuel sales were down 68 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was down 11 percent and water consumption was up 14 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Mr. Carlos Diaz Reported on Compton/Woodley Airport Items

Mr. Diaz informed the Commission that the repairs to the fuel truck, the derailing of Wilmington Gate, replacement of the old windsock, and fuel filter upgrade are complete.

Airport staff performed a major clean-up behind T-Row hangars and trimmed the trees along the north wall.

Fire extinguisher re-certifications at the airport are complete.

On October 15, 2020, the airport participated in the California Great Shake-Out and on October 17, 2020, Compton/Woodley Airport hosted their annual Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste Round Up event.

Commissioner Simmons asked for clarification on the fuel prices for the last year. Mr. Wardle will once again review the past prices as requested.

Chairman Lord thanked Mr. Wardle and Mr. Diaz for purchasing additional fuel at Compton/Woodley Airport in order to lower fuel prices.

Chairman Lord suggested to Mr. Smith the possibility of purchasing a bucket truck or scissor lift to be used for maintenance at the airport.

Ninety-nine percent of the hangars at the airport are occupied and 35 percent of the occupied hangars are used for non-aviation storage.

Avgas fuel sales were up 16 percent as compared to the same month last year.

Electricity consumption was up 4.8 percent as compared to the same month last year. Water consumption was down 35.7 percent as compared to the same month last year.

C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Richard Smith Reported on the Following Items:

Mr. Smith provided the Commission copies of the September 2020 Expense and Revenue Report.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission of a meeting held with Mr. Bill Dunn, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association regarding the Rent and Fee Study revision and addressed their noted concerns.

Commissioner Simmons asked if their concerns were addressed and if a new Rent and Fee Study will be conducted. Mr. Smith explained that a revision was done to the current study and elaborated the results.

An Insourcing Operation and Maintenance meeting was held virtually with tenants at San Gabriel Valley Airport. Mr. Smith provided a brief summary on the discussion.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission of the ongoing conversations taking place with Mr. Michael Williamson and his concerns with the nighttime instrument approach at Whiteman Airport.

The annual Federal Aviation Administration meeting regarding Capital Improvement Program will take place in December. Mr. Smith briefly explained the plan that will be presented to the FAA.

Mr. Smith provided a summary of the capital projects taking place.

Chairman Lord thanked Mr. Smith for the Capital Project Notes provided and elaborated on the projects that are funded with the M02 Enterprise Fund and noted that the M02 Fund is not profit, but money that is re-invested into the airports.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

Mr. Justin Sterling, resident near Brackett Field Airport, addressed the Commission on his concern with the lack of a noise complaint process for Los Angeles County Airports. Chairman Lord suggested that he contact Mr. Smith for more information.

Mr. Bill Dunn, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, briefly spoke to the Commission regarding the Rent and Fee Study and the concerns he raised. He also noted that the concerns were addressed and the process taken was in line with what is expected from General Aviation. Mr. Dunn will provide a written statement to Chairman Lord with his final comments.

Commissioner Simmons asked Mr. Dunn for his experience when reviewing studies similar to Los Angeles County Airports as well as airports within a comparable distance. Mr. Dunn provided a brief explanation on the criteria that the Federal Aviation Administration has in place.

III. NEXT VIRTUAL COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at 10 a.m.

Chairman Lord adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m., with a motion from Commissioner Simmons. Motion carried 9 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriel Perez, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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