



**SIERRA VISTA AIRPORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2015, 5:30 PM
SVMA TERMINAL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jackson called the meeting of the Airport Commission to order at 5:30 PM in the Terminal Building of the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, 2100 Airport Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Frank Jackson, James Short, John Voishan, Arthur Weisberger, and Lee Gray (non-voting).
Absent: George Pohlman and Felicia Tucker.

ATTENDEES:

City of Sierra Vista: Richard Cayer (Operations Manager) and Yvette Matthias.
Public: Carolyn Thompson (LAAF Manager), Darnell Rambert, Jon Nelson (Off-Site Operator), Raymond Frazee (EAA), and Patrick Medarae (CAP Historian).

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in the audience introduced themselves.

ACCOLADES FOR AVIATORS AND FRIENDS OF THE AIRPORT:

Chairman Jackson commented it was nice to have an aerial map for the meeting. Jon Nelson gave accolades to Jim Short for the tremendous work he is doing for the airport.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 9, 2015:

- Commissioner Weisberger made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Voishan. The motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUS 12, 2015 MEETING MINUTES:

- Commissioner Short made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Voishan. The motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

REPORTS:

Airport Operations Report – Transportation and Environmental Services:

- Airport Updates- Richard Cayer
 - The designs for the strengthening of Taxiway G & J are complete, they were approved by City Council, and the grant reimbursement was submitted.
 - The 2017 ACIP was submitted.

Fort Huachuca/Libby Army Airfield - Carol Thompson:

- We will be hosting an Army exercise 8-28 Sep 15. The Ft. Carson personnel will use the Navy Tiger Shark during their operations. The peak period is 23 – 25 September out of the east range.
- The Bradys will be flying LAAF and Hubbard LZ 21-25 Sep 15.
- We will be hosting Davis-Monthan's Compass Call. It will entail 2/C-130s parked on Twy Alpha from 25 Sep-25 Oct 15. The first 3 weeks, they will be just operating onboard equipment. The 4th week, they will be flying.
- Twy Echo, Twy Charlie, and South Ramp are closed. Twy Delta is limping along as our main tie in from the Main Ramp to Twy Papa. Our efforts are to place an asphalt cap on both Twy Echo and Delta. Construction should start 1 Oct 15. If Twy Delta fails due to the increased rain (currently over 9 inches on the airfield), we will ask the City to support the Fort in ground space for the RC/MC-12s. The UASs will be hosted by the AZ ANG (214th RG) in Hangar 6. Our effort is a temporary fix. There was a discussion on the condition and maintenance plan of the taxiways.
- We are working to relocate the windsocks to the proper distance. The correct wind sock is the one supporting Rwy 12. It is 400 ft from rwy centerline. The Fort is working to relocate Twy Foxtrot, Twy

Alpha, and Twy Charlie's windsocks. We will be requesting waivers for the 12/30 windsock off of Rwy 8/26 and the windsock supporting Rwy 30 as we can't meet the standard due to terrain issues.

Carol advised that mowing is scheduled for next week, and their new operation hours are 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

City Report - Rachel Gray: Absent

- Current Events

Commission Report:

- Wings Seminar – Commissioner Short reports that the seminar is Saturday, September 12, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Thirty-two people are registered and three speakers. He is also coordinating volunteers for transportation.
- Copperstate– Commissioner Voishan announced the event is October 22 – 24, 2015. He mentioned that Judy Hector is working on a new promotional display and he will try to discuss the layout for the display next week. He also plans to obtain Cowboy Poetry publication.
- Young Eagles – Carol Thompson mentioned that the event is approved for November 6 and 7, and they are flying 7:30 a.m. - Noon.
- Christmas Airlift – Commissioner Voishan reports that the airlift is November 14. He advised that Commissioner Pohlman is coordinating in Sierra Vista and he needs more pilots and planes.
- Ramp Condition/Repairs/Funding – Chairman Jackson questioned if there are state grants available. Richard Cayer advised there are state funds available and the City does receive an annual allocation. He will research the information and give a report at the next meeting.
- Vacant Hangars – Chairman Jackson advised that the Commemorative Air Force will not need hangar at the Sierra Vista airport. Mr. Nelson inquired about the quantity of vacant hangars. Yvette replied there are 24. Mr. Nelson asked about the status of the incentives and where they are published. Chairman Jackson advised that they have been implemented and a newsletter regarding the incentives were sent to all airport tenants. He explained the purpose of the incentives was to remove anything that would prevent individuals from renting a hangar. It was noted that the incentives are also advertised on the website. There was additional discussion on advertising the airport incentives.
- Wave Camp – Commissioner Voishan explained what a wave is as it relates to gliders. He would like to have a wave camp at the airport April 15-17. The explained that the camp would be another means to draw people to the area.
- McColley Memorial – There was discussion regarding a plaque for Dick McColley and naming the flight planning room after him. Chairman Jackson made a motion to obtain a plaque as a Dick McColley memorial. Further, to have Jon Nelson research plaques with suitable wording and present the suggestions to the commission for approval. Further, that the commission pursue naming the flight planning room after Dick McColley. Seconded by Commissioner Weisberger. The motion carried unanimously, 4/0.

CALL TO PUBLIC

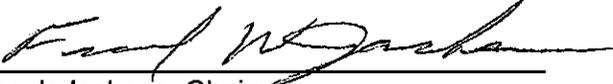
- Raymond Frazee explained his aviation experience and mentioned he flies out of Bisbee since they have planes available for rent. He remarked that Sierra Vista has an amazing airport and he is interested in a hangar once he completes his plane.
- Jon Nelson mentioned that Southwestern Aviation is taking their plane away due partly to the fuel and tie-down fees. He said he spoke with Richard Cayer regarding the possibility of offering incentives to Southwestern Aviation so they keep their airplane in Sierra Vista. He also shared his concern that he may also go out of business if there isn't an airplane in Sierra Vista.
- Patrick Medarae inquired how many C-130s can the airport accommodate and about the assets that are available during a disaster. Carol replied that the airport can accommodate 37 C-130s at the airport. She explained there is a joint plan for accidents and disasters and encouraged him to speak with City personnel.
- Darnell Rambert agreed with previous comments that communication with the public is important.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Voishan mentioned the incident involving the 777 that had engine problems on takeoff at the Las Vegas airport.
- Commissioner Weisberger mentioned that in 20 years the only communication he has received is the bill for his hangar rental.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Frank Jackson, Chairman