

San Joaquin County Aviation Advisory Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 25, 2017
Department of Aviation Conference Suite #201

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Wolfe.

Roll Call: Members Present: Mike Ammann, Ken Couvillion, Robert Emmer, Marla Livengood, Supervisor Tom Patti, Mark Plovnick, Jay Wilverding, Verlyn Wolfe

Members Absent: Lex Corrales, Bill Trezza, Supervisor Chuck Winn

Staff Present: Ron Elliott, Debbie Vasquez

Minutes of the previous meeting held June 27, 2017 were approved as submitted.

I. Discussion Items

A. Airport Budget Update

The Board of Supervisors finalized the annual County budget effective June 30, 2017. Currently, the Airport has a fund balance of approximately \$930,000. Airport Administration anticipate taking the fund balance and transferring most of the funds into capital projects. This will assist in leverage for Airport matching grants, etc. and will also provide funding for numerous projects.

B. Current Project Updates

General Aviation Ramp Project (Phase 2) & Taxiways B East and West, D West (D7 & D9) and Cargo Apron – Grant applications have been submitted to the FAA for approval of both projects. Airport Administration anticipates that approval will be received in the next several weeks. The projects will then be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval of both contracts.

Elevator Platform Lift Project – The elevator platform lift project was approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 11, 2017. It is anticipated that the project will commence construction in the next few weeks.

C. Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Status Update

Airport Administration recently met with FAA officials to finalize the new ALP. The ALP was finally approved and signed-off by the FAA. Further, confirmation was received by the FAA for the closing out of the FAA grant for this project. The new ALP will make it easier to do future changes and/or revisions since it is a new plan.

D. Update on FIS Facility

Airport Administration met with USCBP officials last week to continue discussions regarding costs associated with staffing a proposed FIS facility. Currently, the USCBP is short staffed by approximately 44 employees within its system. Chairman Winn is working with Sheriff Moore to write a “white paper” regarding the possibility of utilizing San Joaquin County Sheriff law enforcement staff instead of customs employees through a “private” program.

E. SCASDP Grant Status/Domestic Service

Mr. Elliott will be meeting with United Airlines representatives in Chicago on August 1 to discuss possible implementation of service from Stockton to a Los Angeles destination.

F. Air Cargo Service Update

Amazon continues its three-daily flights from Stockton to its numerous distribution centers throughout the United States.

G. CAT II Update

Airport Administration recently met with Mr. Jim Loeman, FAA, to discuss implementation of a CAT II system at Stockton. The impact of an updated CAT II system at the Airport was not well received by the FAA since it currently only has three daily air cargo flights at this time. Airport officials are still pursuing implementation of a CAT II system. With the possibility of increased PFC fees, the Airport could purchase and install its own system and then have FAA take over operation of the system. The Airport could feasibly finance the system as well. It is anticipated that an upgraded CAT II system could be in place in the next two to three years.

II. Action Items

None

III. Communications

Mr. Mavrogenes will continue to forward articles of interest to members.

Mr. Elliott questioned whether it was necessary to have “hard” copies of the articles available at each meeting.

Members unanimously voted that if they have any questions and/or concerns regarding an article, they will contact Mr. Mavrogenes directly. Therefore, no further “hard” copies of future articles are necessary to have on hand at each meeting.

Additional Discussion Items:

Mr. Elliott announced that Allegiant Airlines and KJOY radio station will be collaborating on a marketing campaign beginning Monday, August 7, to promote San Diego airline service from Stockton. The campaign will include a “give-away” of two round-trip tickets to San Diego from Stockton. Allegiant continues to maintain an 80 percent load factor with flights from this Airport.

Great Lakes Airlines recently underwent restructuring within the company and there are currently no future expansion plans.

Mr. Elliott announced that DSN Outdoor recently implemented a new sign board in the lobby of the terminal building. It assists in continued advertising of businesses, special events, airline questions, etc. Further, Airport Administration is working with Panasonic to upgrade the current Airport camera system. The new system will allow for scanning of people within the terminal itself. This option will first be reviewed by San Joaquin County Counsel for any legal ramifications.

Art Expressions of San Joaquin County will be hosting an art and wine reception tonight in the Airport terminal from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Wolfe introduced and welcomed new committee members to the CAAC.

Chairman Patti questioned whether there was any current conversation regarding a name change for the Stockton Airport.

Vice Chairman Wolfe responded that the CAAC agreed to wait until the Airport receives international airline service so there would not be another name change to confuse the general public.

Mr. Elliott stated that we do not have to wait to rename the Airport and suggested that item be placed on next month’s agenda for discussion.

Mr. Ammann suggested that the Airport renaming correspond to attractions throughout our area (wine country, Delta, side trips to Yosemite, Tahoe, SFO, etc.) Also, we have Allegiant service and we should discuss package options through the airline like they offer for San Diego, Las Vegas and Phoenix-Mesa.

Mr. Elliott responded that Airport officials would set-up a meeting with Allegiant Airlines to discuss the addition of package options for local and area destinations/activities.

IV. Review of Written Requests for Future Agenda Items

None

V. Public Comment - (Must Complete Public Comment Form)

None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2017
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