



**San Joaquin County Aviation Advisory Committee (CAAC)
Regular Monthly Meeting (in person)
November 28, 2023 Minutes**

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

Roll Call:

Members Present: Chairman Bill Trezza, Vice Chairman Verlyn Wolfe, Ricky Gill, Mark Plovnick, Wes Rhea, Jaime Medina, David Robb (at 5:04 pm), Spencer Lockwood.

Members Absent: Stephen DeBrum.

County Staff Present: Richard Sokol – Airport Director

Members of the Public: Adam Brucker, CAO's Office

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023.

Motion: Plovnick; Second: Wolfe. Motion carried 8-0.

I. Discussion Items

- A.** Sokol reported that he had received an email from the Civil Air Patrol representative today indicating that they would not appear at the meeting tonight. CAP has elected to create a new post at the Lodi airport.
- B.** Sokol outlined several airline discussions that were completed since the last meeting. He outlined the specific status of one opportunity, and provided an overview of what was in store through January.
- C.** Sokol shared a draft plan to redevelop the west general aviation ramp. Changes included replacing old T-hangars, providing a pilot center with public restroom and public internet, self-serve fueling center, aircraft wash bay, and two new hangars sized for small jets. Details are being worked out and costs assembled.
- D.** Sokol reported that the cargo ramp taxiway improvements were completed on-time and on-budget. We now have ramp parking available for eight cargo aircraft. Recently we have been hosting three Amazon jets overnight. Sokol congratulated Ms. Nussbaumer and her team for a job well done.
- E.** Sokol gave a general description of several elements of a comprehensive airport redevelopment program that he is calling "SCK Transformation- 2016". Main elements of the program-- terminal building, west G.A. ramp, new tower, and repurpose of an existing airport commercial hangar-- are being supplemented with smaller projects to completely update the airport's revenue potential and public perception. Details will be shared after costs are assembled.
- F.** The committee discussed the challenges and opportunities to fly agricultural products from the airport. Mr. Robb volunteered to pursue potential users who he is acquainted with within the county.

II. Action Items

(Discussion & Decision to Recommend)

None

III. Communications

None.

IV. Review of Written Requests for Future Agenda Items

Presentation by a representative of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

V. Public Comment (Must complete Public Comment Form)

Mr. Brucker suggested that the County's Ag Commissioner could be a valuable resource in identifying potential ag airfreight customers.

VI. Miscellaneous

- A.** A new Administrative Assistant will begin her job with the airport on January 14. One of the airport's four Operations Specialists has resigned for an airport job in Idaho.
- B.** The floor under the old walk-in cooler of the airport terminal building restaurant has been opened and exposed, identifying significant moisture damage. A structural engineer is now preparing low-cost repair recommendations.
- C.** The new Dessert and Wine Bar is now open in the terminal building, two hours before scheduled airline flights.
- D.** One of the two ARFF fire trucks remains out of service. Contractor blames delays on parts delivery from Europe. Repair promised within a couple of weeks.
- E.** Flight Information Displays (FID) awaiting hard wire connections to display screens. Original plan was to use wi-fi connections. Public Address system improvements have been completed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Motion: Chairman Trezza; Second: Vice Chairman Wolfe. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: January 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

This meeting will be in person