MEETING MINUTES

AIRPORT OPERATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, October 11 2023 – 8:60 a.m.
Waukesha County Airport
Terminal Building Conference Room
2525 Aviation Drive

In Attendance.

Commissioners: Mike Crowley, Abby Lorenz, Shawn McCauley

Excused: Stephen Betzler, Kurt Weis

Staff: Kurt Stanich, Aimee Scrima, Sarah McCalvy

Others: Sue Davies, Jason Curran

Public comment/correspondence.

Airport Director provided update regarding neighborhood in Merton that filed noise complaints.

Approve or Modify Meeting Minutes from Sept 13th 2023.

Meeting Minutes approved by Commissioner Lorenz and second offered by Commissioner McCauley. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report.

Commissioner Chair Crowley reports that the County Board unanimously approved Commissioner Lorenz for an additional 6-year term.

Commissioner Chair Crowley also reports that he attended the Perimeter Parade and Steins for Scouting Event and that both were a tremendous success.

<u>Discussion and Action on Hangar Land Lease Agreement between Waukesha County and Aviators Alley Condominium for 652 Northview Rd.</u>

Motion to approve offered by Commissioner Chair Crowley and second offered by Commissioner McCauley.

<u>Discussion and Action on Hangar Land Lease Agreement between Waukesha County and Metro Hangar Condominium 507 Bluemound Rd.</u>

Motion to approve offered by Commissioner Lorenz and second offered by Commissioner McCauley. Motion approved unanimously.

Youth In Aviation Task Force Report

Update provided by Commissioner Lorenz regarding taskforce. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30am. Minutes included in post meeting packet.

Operations Report.

September 2023 Fuel Farm Flowage: Jet A fuel sales decreased by -9% in September 2023 compared to September 2022. 100LL sales decreased -50% in September 2023 compared to September 2022. Overall total gallons are down -13%.

Tower Operations: Total Traffic decreased by -6% compared to September last year. General Aviation decreased by -9%, Air Taxi increased by 61% and there were 28 military aircraft in September 2023 compared to 19 in September 2022.

Regional airports comparison for August 2023 shows Waukesha ahead of Kenosha, Janesville, Waukegan and Timmeman for general aviation operations.

Airport is getting ready for the snow season and is in the process of hiring.

Manager's Report.

Majority of efforts are being made to prepare for the snow season. This includes acquiring new equipment and hiring two full-time grounds maintenance employees as well as seasonal employees. Airport Director reports multiple offers have been extended but none accepted at this time possibly due to low wages and cost of health insurance. Considerable discussion about aligning current job descriptions and pay.

Airport Director reports that the Perimeter Parade and Steins for Scouting Event were successful. Kingdom Prep had their second fundraising gala held at the airport and Young Eagle has a successful rally this month.

Future Commission Items.

Youth In Aviation Task Force Report.

Commissioner Chair Crowley recommended that Airport Director have a conversation with DOA and the budget staff regarding low salaries at the airport and inquiring about ARPA funds. States it is important to attract and attain staff within the county.

Adjourn Meeting.

Motion to adjourn offered by Commissioner McCauley and second offered by Commission Lorenz. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Waukesha County Airport Operations Commission