

MINUTES OF THE BARSTOW AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

July 7, 2020

PRESENT: Commissioners: Janson, Jermalowicz, Pollack, Siemer

EXCUSED: Commissioners: None

LOCATION: Due to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Orders requiring social distancing and allowing meetings of public bodies to be held electronically, this meeting was conducted via Zoom videoconference webinar ID 847 7985 8922

OTHERS: JT Rairigh, Tom Lind, Dot Hornsby, Linda Langrill

REPORTED BY: Joshua Fredrickson, Airport Manager

Commissioner Pollack called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

The minutes of the December 10, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Siemer **“to approve and file the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting”** Approved (3/0). It is noted that due to technical difficulties with Zoom, Commissioner Janson joined after the approval of the minutes.

The Monthly Activity Report for December 2019 – June 2020 was presented by JT Rairigh. The report was split into groupings of December – March and April – June as the Aviation Advisory Commission had not met in a while. Fuel sales have increased, primarily due to mosquito control purchasing jet fuel when they have not in the past. This is a different operator doing mosquito control compared to previous years. A jet is also based at Barstow, which we have not had in the past. Use of runway 18-36 is up a bit over the typical 10%. Runway 18-36 has noise abatement issues and is not used extensively.

JT Rairigh also presented the maintenance report. Similar to previous years, a farmer is cutting grass in portions of the airport. This benefits the airport by reducing labor and equipment expenses to maintain that portion of the property.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Update

Stephanie Ward with Mead & Hunt, Inc. provided information on the Airport Layout Plan update currently being developed.

Ms. Ward provided information on the summary of the user survey data collected this past fall. It was discussed that one of the items of interest is repair service being available.

Mapping data was also collected, this included an updated aerial image, topographic survey using lidar. Based on the mapping data the various flight surfaces were investigated to identify any obstructions. There are many obstructions at the north end.

Alternatives were also shared. This included the option to continue to show the 200 foot runway extension on 6-24. It is possible to continue to also show the extension on 18-36 to keep the protection zone. It is noted that neither of these extensions may occur in the near future, but if it important to maintain the protection zone for a future expansion then these extensions should continue to be shown.

Alternatives regarding hangar expansion locations were also shared. It is advantageous in snowy climates to have east/west facing doors. The alternative discussed is to show areas south of the existing hangars and locations along Sturgeon Avenue as hatched out on the ALP, representing possible future hangar locations. The separation of hangars is what the local community requires, if there is not fire suppression.

It was asked if overrun areas could be installed. We are not able to install overrun areas because the current runway length is justified based on existing aircraft use.

The Airport Advisory Commission recommended waiting until a future meeting for additional discussion and decision on alternatives.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Linda Langrill expressed interest in the future discussions regarding the ALP
2. Dot Hornsby thanked the Commission for their work. Also shared that the MCADA discovery area continues to see use during this time.
3. John Swantek shared insights to the maintenance needs referenced in the ALP discussion. Currently there is a mechanic which has a mobile unit on site. This mechanics has limited availability at the airport as he is covering work at multiple airports. Expressed interest in having a mechanic available full time at Barstow.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.