

Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee Minutes of October 21, 2015 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Kurt Yeager, WAAC Chair at 1606.

Attendees: Marjorie Bachmann (99's), Dan Chauvet (WPA), John Randolph (Business Community), Kurt Yeager (County resident), Gryphon MacArthur (EAA), Joe Shelton (City resident) and Rayvon Williams (Airport Manager). Guest: Sarah Chauvet.

Absent: Dan Bloecher (Airport FBO)

MOTION ACCEPTING MINUTES OF July 15, 2015, meeting was so moved and approved.

(1) Proposed Topics

- a. Letter of appreciation to Steve Henderson from WAAC will be drafted by Williams. WAAC to review, edit and approve.
- b. Welcomed Joe Shelton to WAAC. Joe shared his flight history and stated he was pleased to be joining the group.
- c. Brief discussion regarding National Guard Armory. Williams noted Calif Nat'l Guard has assigned the remaining 39 year lease to California Conversation Corps for less than \$1. Williams noted he's reached out to FAA HQ. to advise on lease revision. Goal is Airport obtains a ground lease rental income.
- d. FAA has noted the "Feedback" regarding the requested "loan" and corrective active suggestions of the June 2014 Land use Inspection are due to the City by end October. Williams commits to sharing the letter ASAP.
- e. Williams is requesting a January initial/introductory meeting with new City Manager during January WAAC. Data and time pending.
- f. Williams to provide a quarterly Airport Financial Summary to WAAC. Goal is to keep WAAC informed of financial performance. Additionally Airport Mgmt will provide WAAC an opportunity to review Airport budget prior to submission to council for approval.

(2) Airport Mgr Update

- a. Obstructions to Runway. Noted as "the" most important action for Q4. Certain tree identification and combinations to City and County residents planned for by end of year. Effort will entail arborist (and potentially biologist) in addition to obtaining bids to "top" the 10 to 12 most egregious flight hazards for Runway Two-Zero. Monthly report will provide updates going forward.
- b. Minimum Commercial Standard framework is pending. Will be shared with FBOs and SASOs prior to publishing.
- c. 2015-2017 ACIP will be forwarded to WAAC
- d. United Flight Services is progressing; expect ground breaking by year end.
- e. Wings Over Watsonville is a success; presentation to council on Oct 27th.

(3) Special Notice: On October 28th, the FAA awarded Dan Chauvet the prestigious Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in a ceremony at the Watsonville Municipal Airport.

ADJOURNMENT - at 17:25

Proposed 2016 meeting schedule: January 13th, April 13th, July 13th and October 12th.