

**Regular Meeting of the Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee  
Council Chambers  
275 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Watsonville, California  
Minutes**

**October 23, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

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**1. ROLL CALL**

Scott Randolph, Chairperson (EAA #119), Dave Guerrieri, Vice Chair (Representing on field Aviation Business Community), Glen Ceresa (Representing Airport Area County Residents), Theresa Byers (Representing Monterey Bay Ninety-Nines), Larry Lease (Non-Aviation Business Community), Mercedes Eulitt (Representing Airport Area City Residents), Thomas Dienwiebel (Representing Watsonville Pilot's Association)

Absent: Glen Ceresa (Representing Airport Area County Residents), Dave Guerrieri, Vice Chair (Representing on field Aviation Business Community) \*\*\* Guerrieri arrived at 7:30pm

Staff members present: Airport Director, Rayvon Williams, Administrative Analyst, Alexandra Aguado

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Lead by Larry Lease**

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.a Motion Approving Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024 – Initiated by Thomas Dienwiebel, seconded by Larry Lease.**

**5. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

**5.a Director's Report**

**1. Quarterly/Year End Financial Report**

- Cash Balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is \$771,997.37.

**2. FAA Updates**

- The City of Watsonville received a letter back from the FAA. The letter will not be shared until the City Council has had a chance to see it.
- A Senior FAA official will visit Watsonville Muni Airport sometime in November, 2024.

**3. Security Gate Project and Vehicle/Pedestrian Access Update**

- Airport Staff has been working diligently with IT to develop the Field Access Training Program.
- Reviewing the credential issuance process
- Convene a Tenant/Leaseholder focus group

WAAC Comments: Is the 2-step authentication necessary? What would be the incentive for the airport to keep the price for the cards low if the cost is passed onto the tenant?

**4. Airport Pollution Control Facility (Aircraft Wash Rack)**

- FAA approved an Airport Infrastructure Grant for \$405,000 for the Watsonville's proposed Aircraft Wash Rack.

- Construction is estimated to begin in November 2024.
- The facility will be an open wash rack utility system providing water and electric power.

**5. Airport Economic Benefit Analysis Study**

- Kimley-Horn was awarded the RFP for the Airport Economic Impact Study for the Hollister, Marina, Salinas, and Watsonville Municipal Airports

**6. Unleaded Aviation Fuel at Watsonville**

- The Airport will be conducting surveys next month to gauge interest in G100UL.
- An agreement with Vitol will go before the City Council for approval on November 12, 2024. If City Council approves the Vitol Agreement, Watsonville Muni will be able to begin offering fuel in December 2024.
- G100UL will be priced exactly as Santa Clara County.

WAAC Comments: Is it illegal to take fuel and put it in a truck? No. it can be done, but there is a flowage fee for the customer.

Can Watsonville Muni store the fuel in the truck? Yes.

**7. FAAST Safety Stand-down Update**

- There will be more information on the airport website where we let people know more about flying into Watsonville.
- Staff will add a map to the current recording on the website.
- Provide more information to other airports.
- (AC) 90-66C is the most recent publication for non-towered airports- Cease flying VFR straight-in approaches.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS –**

7.a General Plan EIR- The Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee discussed their response to Justin Meeks email.

Scott will gather comments from the WAAC and share them with Rayvon. Rayvon will review Scott's submission and add his comments, then send those to the City Manager.

**8. ADJOURNMENT – at 8:18 PM**

Motion was initiated by Scott Randolph. Motion passed.

The next Committee meeting will be held on January 29, 2025