

**Regular Meeting of the Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee
Watsonville Municipal Airport's Operations Center
70 Aviation Way, Watsonville, California
Minutes**

April 30, 2025

7:00 PM

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: Mercedes Eulitt (Representing Airport Area City Residents)

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Lead by Larry Lease

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a **Motion Approving Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2025**– Initiated by Larry Lease, seconded by Thomas Dienwiebel

Edit to the minutes- No action was taken on 7.a.

5. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

5.a Director's Report

1. Financial Report

a. Q3 Financial Results

- Cash Balance as of February 28, 2025, is \$937,785.07
- Reference data: data for Q3 last year (Q3 2025), what was projected for this year and actual (Q3 2025)
- Aviation and Non-Aviation Leases- WAAC wants to know what leaseholds are paying; price per sq/ft

b. Proposed Airport Budget FY 2025-2026

- Revenues: -\$4,515,663.78
- Operations: \$4,369,622.50
- Capital: \$140,000.00

c. Aviation Storage Unit Rate Increase

- Hangar Price Increases- Average price increase has been 108% over 21 years from 2004-2025
- Hangar price increase in 2025 will be 5%

d. Non-Operational Aircraft Rates

- What does the WAAC think is a fair rate?
- WAAC is supportive of the concept. Airport staff is to provide details (categories and sample letter) to the WPA and EAA so they can share with their constituents.
- We need to determine how much is being lost, per year, with aircraft that aren't flown. It can include fuel, maintenance, administration, etc.

- Several ideas and potential benchmarks were discussed. Action was left with WAAC members representing airport tenants to socialize the idea and solicit input to share with the airport management.

2. Operations Update

a. Crosswind Runway 9-27 Update

- RFP For Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Deactivation of Runway Nine-Two Seven Watsonville Municipal Airport; cost -\$860,000.
- \$400,000 CEQA
- \$460,000 NEPA
- Once CEQA and NEPA are complete, the FAA Process will still need to be completed.
- Legacy Runway Funding

b. Security Gate Project Update

- Only tenants or a sponsor of the tenant should be on the field
- Phases; internal testing, pilot testing (5 pilots), FAA driving on the field pedestrian test
- Once test is passed- key cards and/or fobs will be assigned

c. Wash Rack Update

- Per FAA- Issues need to be addressed before the wash rack is open. Signage must be put up

d. South Side Slurry

- Slurry the entire south side of the field
- Airport went out to bid

e. Field Wide Restriping

- The entire field will be refreshed

Airport bringing GPU to airfield this summer

VOR-A under review for Divestment

Hangar track repairs: Alpha- Echo

3. Administrative Update

a. Airport Economic Benefit Analysis Study- Economic value that the airport brings to the local environment

b. The Hangar Leasehold Opportunity- Council is not interested

c. FAA Grants for 2027 Permanent Ramp Rehab- Rehab permanent tie-down area. Suggestion from WAAC member Guerrieri: "the area where airplanes cannot park due to visibility issues for RWY 27 should not be rehabbed but instead placed out of service, maybe even plant tarweed".

d. Online Hangar Payments 2026- Working with Finance and IT to roll out on January 1, 2026

e. CDF&W Safe Harbor Agreement- Airport will pay money to kill tarplant, take the seed and populate it in another area. We then need to prove that we can grow it and identify areas in the future that don't have tarplant.

f. Community Engagement

- 4th Grade Field Trips: April-May 2025
- Historical Aircraft Display Day: Every second weekend
- Annual Blood Drive: April 26, 2025
- Wheels at Watsonville Car Show: April 26, 2025
- Fire in the Sky: August 30th, 2025
- Superbowl 2026
- FIFA World Cup in San Francisco

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS – None

8. ADJOURNMENT – at 8:50pm

The next Committee meeting will be held on August 6, 2025