



Airport Advisory Committee

January 25, 2023

1. Roll Call

Mercedes Eulitt (City Resident), Larry Lease (non-aviation business), Ryan Ramirez (WPA),

Absent: Glen Ceresa (County Resident), Dave Guerrieri (Airport Fixed Based Operator), Scott Randolph (EAA), 99's Representative (Vacant)

Staff Member Present: Airport director, Rayvon Williams, Operations Manager, Sam Rosas

(January WAAC quarterly meeting was suspended due to lack of quorum; No official business was conducted, but due to members of the public being present the Airport Director requested that at least those present should be provided an opportunity to address the WAAC if so desired.)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Larry Lease

3. Communication (Public Comments)

A. Question from WAAC

- a. Member Ryan Ramirez inquired regarding the \$100,000 held in escrow and how it might be used to place utilities underground on the approach to Runway Two-Zero. Director Williams reported the airport's ACIP includes a request for FAA grant funding to relocate identified obstructions underground. Director Williams noted the January 1, 2023 accident would be timely justification for the grant request to move from a long-term effort to a short/near term effort.
- b. Member Ramirez questioned the current UL94 fuel price, specifically if the price would be dropping anytime soon. Director Williams noted the whole cost of UL94 has been consistently higher, as compared to AvGas, over the last six months.
- c. Member Ramirez asked for an update regarding the FAA's potential for suspension. Director Williams reported that no update was available.

B. Watsonville Grading Company

- a. Nick Torres, Sherman and Boone Real Estate, representing Matt Costello of Watsonville Grading Co, as a potential land purchase located at Manfre and



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Buena Vista, next to Nordic Naturals. The area in question bisects Safety Zones One, Two, Three and Six west of Runway 20 and southwest of Runway 9-27.

- b. Mr. Costello addressed the WAAC expressing a desire to receive support for the purchase of approximately 6.587 acres. Mr. Costello appeared before the WAAC stating his desire was to construct a parking facility for his Grading company's trucks along with a support structure, likely a permanently stationed trailer. WAAC members quired Mr. Torres and Mr. Costello regarding the proposed purchase and the effort's scope, size and configuration. Specifically, member Larry Lease questioned Mr., Costello's operational plan and stated he was comfortable with a parking only configuration. Member Ryan Ramirez noted the Watsonville Pilots Association (WPA) has on-going legal challenges with respect to the City of Watsonville's lack of an airport land use compatibility plan (ALUCP) as part of the current General Plan.
- c. Airport Director Williams commented the City is updating the City's General Plan, to include an ALUCP and that any and all questions relative to the process should be directed to the Community Development Department.

4. Consent Agenda

(Consent Agenda was suspended due to lack of quorum)

- A. Motion approving Minutes of October 26, 2022 was suspended.

5b. Directors Report

- Presented Financial Report ended the quarter at \$272bK
- 50 Aviation Way, SASO RFP results announced, awarded to **Calibro Aviation**
- Safety Stand-down update
- Field Access Upgrade timeline
- 75th Anniversary Update
- Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan update

Unfinished Business

- None
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New Business

- None to report

Adjourn @ 8:10pm