

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport  
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting  
23 June 2014 Minutes**



- I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. LaValle called the meeting to order at 1800. A quorum was present with Mr. Bednarcik, Mr. Dan Van Orden, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Adair, the alternate. Mr. Richardson was excused. Mr. Gray and Mr. Hanson tendered their resignation. Mr. Whipple, St Mary's County Staff Advisor, was present.

Public present: Mr. Bildman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Wunder.

- II. April draft Minutes- Approved with minor revision.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Membership Updates – Ray Bednarcik, Reagan Hanson and Vernon Gray submitted request to resign from AAC membership. Accepted by AAC.
- Annual Airport Inspection Review – Completed by AAC members on 14 June 2014. Issues discovered were briefed to the County and public. Inspection report formally submitted to the County.
- Airport Rules and Minimum Standards Status and Update – Draft Airport Rules memo from George Erichsen, Director of Public Works and Transportation of 4 June 2014 submitted to County Attorney, George Sparling. AAC continues to welcome Minimum Standards public comments using the comments matrix posted to 2W6 User's Group. Due date extended to 28 July 2014.

IV. Public Comments

- Mr. Bernie Wunder expressed appreciation for support of the EAA 'Young Eagles' public outreach. This year, 85 children participated in the program. Special thanks to Steve Bildman for donating \$3,000 in aviation fuel for volunteer aircraft.

V. Department of Public Works & Transportation Report

- Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) Update
  - State of Maryland providing MD airports with 'bridge' grant funds, to front-fund projects for eventual FAA reimbursement. There is high interest for MD grant funds, thus State may need more funding for 'bridge' grant development. If additional State funds are awarded, it could move up the last property acquisition project in St Mary's schedule.
- County Development Review Report (TEC June 2014)
  - No major impacts or hazards to airport operations in this month's submission. The County will continue to monitor the Clarke Solar Farm off Route 4.
- Airport Operations and Maintenance
  - The Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) inspected St Mary's County Regional Airport on 8 April 8 2014 in connection with the annual renewal of Airport Operating License. The facility was deemed in satisfactory condition and granted a renewed Airport Operating License, Cert #008 as a public-use/commercial-use airport through 30 April 2015.
  - Maryland State Police airplane taxied tire off ramp area. No airfield damage.

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- The committee requested information about the airport's beacon compatibility with IFR operations.

**VI. FBO and Leaseholder Report**

- Airfield Operations Report/Updates
  - Anticipate increased aircraft maintenance service needed to support hangar expansion. Expect up to 250 aircraft for full capacity. Airport must attract additional companies to satisfy the demand for services.
  - Request the AAC to take the lead on advertising for additional maintenance businesses.
- New hangar project update
  - Grading contract started land clearing and plan for install of hangar rows R and V by next September 2014.

**VII. New Business**

- Advertise for new aircraft maintenance business opportunities resulting from airport hangar expansion which will draw increased aircraft and owners.
- AirTec will acquire two aircraft for non-student rentals.

**VIII. Next Meeting** - Next regular meeting scheduled for 28 July 2014 at 1800, terminal building conference room. There will not be a meeting in August due to summer recess.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**- The meeting was adjourned at 1912.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Van Orden".

Daniel Van Orden

**Secretary**

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacquie La Valle".

Jacquie La Valle

**Chairman**