

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
25 April 2016 Minutes**



- I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 1800. The Committee was well represented with all members present (Lowry, LaValle, Anderson, Olmeda, Willard, Klapka, Sawyer, Adair) except for Mr. Barthelme who was excused. Additionally, Mr. Whipple and Mr. Carlton, St Mary's County Staff Advisors, were present.

A small public audience included Mr. Bildman, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Lightstone along with a few who elected not to sign in.

- II. March's draft Minutes were approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Airport Rules and Minimum Standards were reported to still be in the County Attorney's office with a public hearing to be scheduled when they are released. Mr. Whipple reiterated to the Committee that they will see the draft from the County Attorney prior to the public hearing process.

The 2016 Annual Airport Inspection will be conducted from 1300-1500 on 4 June with the night lighting assessment made the evening before. The 2015 inspection report will be used as a template for this year's effort. The daylight inspection was moved to the afternoon to de-conflict with an EAA Young Eagles event planned for the morning.

Mr. Whipple proposed to compile an Action Item list to track and review at future meetings. This was endorsed and accepted.

IV. Public Comments

The desire for a WAS approach upgrade to allow a 200' minimum IFR ceiling was discussed along with a possible return of an ADSB tower to the airport. This equipment could also enhance UAS operations at 2W6.

The potential attraction of incorporating a 2000' sod landing surface adjacent to the approach end of rwy 11 for use by tailwheel aircraft, light sport aircraft, and UAS was also discussed and requested to be considered for the airport master plan.

V. Department of Public Works & Transportation Report

The Airport Capital Improvement Plan was briefed concerned road and utility relocation progress, wetlands mitigation planning, and Lawrence-Hayden Road design status. All are underway at various stages of completion.

The MAA Safety inspection results were briefed with issues limited to damage from snow removal operations (gouges in rwy 29 threshold), the removal of trees from the AWOS sensor location and the 20:1 approach for rwy 11.

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VI. FBO and Leaseholder Report

The final concrete pads for planned T-Hangar construction will be poured in August and the pair of box hangars blocking the direct taxiway to the new hangars will be removed by that time.

The Flight School is planning to relocate to the Terminal Building to better utilize the space in that facility with a briefing scheduled to the County Commissioners on 3 June.

VII. New Business

The county airport permit process was again discussed with most of the conversation involving support of a simple and affordable fee structure to cover short term and low cost operations such as specialized maintenance on unique aircraft (antiques and Experimental) and transponder checks which are not supported by current FBO services. The recommendation was made review this again at the May meeting and recommend a path ahead then.

VIII. Next Meeting –The next regular meeting is scheduled for 23 May 2016 at 6:00 pm; Walter F Duke Terminal Building conference room.

IX. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 19:19.

Submitted,

for J.B. Whipple

for Wilson R Lowry

Secretary

Approved,

Erik Anderson

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Chairman