

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
25 June 2018 Minutes**



- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Eric Pratson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members and Alternates present were Terry Adair, Jim Alexander, Carrie Kelly, Ted Klapka, Robert Lightstone (Vice Chairman), Craig Nixon, and Andre Swygert. John Deatrack and Gary Whipple were in attendance from St. Mary's County Department of Public Works and Transportation. Four members of the airport community and public attended.
- II. Guest presentation was given by Sky Vision Safety working under contract for University Research Foundation on a low cost ADS-B Tower substitute that could provide ADS-B In information to aircraft on the surface area of airports was provided. SVS noted that they will soon be producing a low cost Low Altitude ADS-B Coverage for UAS and Small Airport Operation that are outside of existing surface coverage. The AAC noted that this capability would be particularly useful at 2W6 and recommended that DPWT and UMD UAS investigate procurement of this (or similar) capability for St. Mary's County Airport. The County will obtain a copy of the briefing for the record.
- III. FBO & LEASEHOLDER REPORTS
 1. Nothing significant to report.
- IV. Dept of Public Works & Transportation
 1. Airport Capital Improvements
 - i. On track for \$5M taxiway relocation
 - ii. Avigation Easements closing on track to meet airport construction schedules
 - iii. The Taxiway relocation will commence in early 2019 and DPWT is developing a plan to manage parking that will be dislocated by apron and ramp closures. DPWT intends to provide a public briefing on the plan in the mid August timeframe.
 2. Development Review Update: nothing to report
 3. Airport Operations and Maintenance:
 - i. St. Mary's County has posted a position for a full time, dedicated Airport Manager. As of this meeting they have received four applications.
 - ii. Annual Airport Inspection by the Airport Advisory Committee was conducted 12 May 2018. Results attached.
 - iii. Awaiting FAA Recertification flights to recommission Runway 29 PAPI. Expected to be complete in July.
- V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
 1. UMD UAS Test Site will brief at August meeting.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: An Aircraft Owner and Hangar resident at 2W6 commented on the paucity of maintenance at the Airport which necessitated he take his aircraft to Montgomery County Airport for routine maintenance. This opened a discussion of the current state of Maintenance providers at the Airport. Steve Bildman (AirTec) noted that Chesapeake Aviation, which had been an on-airport full service maintenance facility, was unable to remain in business due to the unusual economic conditions in the County due to the need for aircraft maintainers on the Base. Mr. Bildman noted that AirTec was now providing maintenance, however in order to remain profitable his

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maintenance priced at levels that a significant portion of the smaller aircraft owners would find unaffordable. He urged the County to take efforts to attract and facilitate maintenance providers, such as an easily obtainable \$25 per month Permit.

VII. Review / Approval of Minutes:

1. The May Minutes were approved as submitted.

VIII. Old Business

1. The Airport Rules Draft Ordinance was presented and will shortly be forwarded to the County Commissioners for adoption as an Ordinance.
2. The Committee again noted these items remain a priority for implementation

IX. New Business: none

- X. NEXT MEETING –The August meeting will be held on 27 August 2018 at 6pm at the Airport Terminal Building.

XI. OPEN ACTIONS

1. Post Airport Ordinance Draft to Airport Group website
2. Obtain services of Aviation Insurance Consultant for Minimum Standards update. Action DPW&T.
3. Provide proposed updated Permittee Agreement at AAC (May 2017 mtg) – Complete
 - i. Lease Holder review and response on proposed Permittee Agreement (Aug meeting)-Complete.
 - ii. To be referred to Outside Consultant for Review and advice.
 - iii. Status:
4. Additional Windsocks and Anemometer Relocation
 - i. New Midfield Windsock installed.
5. Wash Rack compliance with new MDE Regulation.
 - i. Action DPWT to measure runoff contamination.
 - ii. Determination if formal Wash Rack is needed.
6. ADS-B Repeater Systems Recommend DPWT program for procurement.
7. Review of process for non-tenant Aeronautical Service Providers to obtain access to 2W6. Action DPWT.
8. Runway Extension Concept Plan briefing to AAC – complete
 - i. Public Briefing. Action DPWT.
9. Request UAV Symbol be added to Sectional Chart.

XII. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Ted Klapka.

Ted Klapka

Secretary

Approved,

Handwritten signature of Eric Pratson.

Eric Pratson

Chairman