

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
27 August 2018 Minutes**



I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Eric Pratson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Committee members and Alternates present were Terry Adair, Jim Alexander, Carrie Kelly, Robert Lightstone (Vice Chairman) and Craig Nixon. John Deatruck (Director) Bob Carlton and Gary Whipple were in attendance from St Mary's County Department of Public Works and Transportation. Mr. Deatruck introduced the new Airport Manager, Allison Swint. 16 members of the airport community, public and the Patuxent Navy Base attended.

II. Guest presentation was given by Mr. Matt Scassero, Director University of MD, UAS Test Site. He briefed on UMD research projects and how the airport research site fits into the larger University of Maryland activity and its impact and growth at 2W6. He also briefed a new initiative using Shielded Lasers for Directional Communications that will have activity at the airport.

III. FBO & LEASEHOLDER REPORTS

Nothing significant to report

IV DPW&T

Airport Capital Improvements

1. Taxiway relocation bids are in and sent to the FAA for approval.
2. The taxiway relocation will commence in early 2019 and DPWT is developing a plan to manage the aircraft parking and tie down that will be dislocated by apron and ramp closures. DPWT intends to provide a public briefing on the plan (originally planned in August) but now set for 6:00 pm 12 September.
3. FAA supplemental funding is potentially available for existing runway rehabilitation. Funds are 100% federal. DPWT will be submitting a proposal before the end of October 2018.

Development Review Update – nothing new to report

Airport Operations and Maintenance

1. Vegetation control at runway ends was accomplished
2. PAPI recertification flights by FAA now planned for September time frame
3. AWOS repair folks will be addressing the issue with wind and ceiling reporting

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Patuxent Naval Air Station Air Operations Division will be brief at the September meeting

With the appointment of the Airport Manager, the AAC can begin to focus on review of the Master Plan, and focus on the airport Pilot and business needs

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A renewed discussion of the current state of maintenance at the airport was again broached during the discussion of formalizing the Airport Rules Draft Ordinance.

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VII. Review / Approval of Minutes

The June minutes were approved as submitted

VIII Old Business

The Airport Rules Draft Ordinance and general permit review was presented for approval as amended. It was approved by the committee and recommended for the public hearing process.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. NEXT MEETING – The September meeting will be held 24 September at 6 pm at the Airport Terminal Building.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Submitted,

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Ted Klapka

Secretary

Approved,

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Eric Pratson

Chairman