

Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Monday, January 22, 2024)

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Members present

Robert Lightstone, James Alexander, Albert Babcock, Robert Zaorski, George Hill, Kevin Suggs, Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Information: 1. Chairman/Vice Chairman reports

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Information: 2. DPW&T Report

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MAC has established Aviation Day in Annapolis for Feb 20, 2024. Those wishing to attend can do so at the Calvert House in Annapolis at 6 pm. Large discussion topic will be extending the sales tax exemption for aviation maintenance that appears close to passage in Maryland.

Information: 3. FBO Report

Nothing to report

Information: 4. Pax Air Ops Report

NAS Pax is going through NATOPS inspection and triennial inspection of procedures and all paperwork regarding flight operations. Any changes at NAS Pax are not expected to impact 2W6.

There was a discussion of the appropriate Points of Contact for getting Doug Dickens (Aviation Safety Officer, Naval Test Wing Atlantic) approved as an ex-officio member of the AAB.

Information: 5. DED AeroPark Updates

Nothing to report

D. OLD BUSINESS

Action: 1. Approve December 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes & Action Items
To approve the December 4, 2023 meeting minutes & action items

Motion by Robert Lightstone, second by George Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Lightstone, James Alexander, Albert Babcock, Robert Zaorski, George Hill, Kevin Suggs, Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr

Discussion: 2. Review/Update Action Item list

E. NEW BUSINESS

Information: 1. Identification of non-registered aircraft and non-aeronautical uses of hangars

Discussion of deregistered aircraft (3 hangared, 1 tie-down). Reviewed FAA rules; not for storage of nonworking aircraft.

Action: 2. Approve Airport Annual Report 2023

Motion to approve 2023 annual report and forward to county commissioners

Motion by Robert Lightstone, second by Adam Osborne Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Lightstone, James Alexander, Albert Babcock, Robert Zaorski, George Hill, Kevin Suggs, Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr

Action: 3. Officer Elections

Motion to approve George Hill as Chair, Robert Lightstone as Vice Chair.

Motion by Kevin Suggs, second by Adam Osborne Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Lightstone, James Alexander, Albert Babcock, Robert Zaorski, George Hill, Kevin Suggs, Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr

Information: 4. Next business meeting February 26, 2024 at 6PM

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy DeBons – briefed establishment of Ready Nine Aviation Academy, a 501(c) 3. They have teamed with St Mary's Ryken to provide a transition plan for students going through ground school currently being conducted at St. Mary's Ryken High School.

This was the final meeting for James Alexander as Chair of the AAB. He was congratulated on his retirement from the Board and thanked for all his efforts over the last six years.

G. ADJOURN

Action: 1. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00pm

Motion by Robert Lightstone, second by Kevin Suggs.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Robert Lightstone, James Alexander, Albert Babcock, Robert Zaorski, George Hill, Kevin Suggs, Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr

In Person Meeting at Regional Airport Terminal

Airport Advisory Board Minutes –01/22/2024

Meeting Start: 6:00 PM

Members Present: Alexander (Chair), Lightstone (Vice Chair), Hill (Secretary), Suggs, Zaorski, Babcock, Osborne, and Ex-Officio –LCDR Hughes. NAS Pax River

Others Present: Allison Swint (DPWT), Jim Gotsch (DPWT), Dave Stanton (FBO) Tony Capozzi (DPE), Ken Reed, Pat Weaver, Jeremy DeBons (Ready 9), Tim Wilson – local pilot

Chairman's Remarks:

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DPWT Report: Jim Gotsch DPWT, Allison Swint, Airport Manager

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Old Business: Motion to approve minutes and action items from last meeting. Motion (Lightstone); second (Hill).

Motion was made to approve the 2023 AAB Annual Report as written; motion (Lightstone), second (Hill.) Approved. The report will be forwarded by the end of January to the Board of County Commissioners.

Action item review:

Item 24 – work on Compass Rose will take second priority to finishing runway extension.

Item 39 – Responses from local pilots received regarding desires for pilot lounge. Any further action will require reallocation of county funds and will not be undertaken until May or later.

Item 41 – Request for addition of additional Ex-Officio member needs to be re-directed and followed up.

New Business:

Pat Weaver and Ken Reed briefed that the results of a review to confirm aircraft hangar utilization to conform to FAA requirements. There are 223 aircraft located at the airport. Current wait list for hangar availability is approximately 70, with about 10 that could act immediately (airplanes on the airport.) There are 120 General Aviation hangars located at the airport with only 3-4 turnovers per year. Only a small number of hangars will be impacted by the results of the study. Slides used for the briefing are attached.

AAB Annual Report – final draft was sent to AAB members two weeks ago. No inputs were received. Motion was made to approve as written. Motion (Lightstone); second (Hill). Approved. The report will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners by the end of January.

Election of AAB officers was held. Candidates were identified and voted upon for Chairman (George Hill) and Vice Chairman (Bob Lightstone) positions. The Secretary position is still open.

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM. Motion (Lightstone); second (Suggs).

Next Meeting: February 26, 2024 at 6 PM

Submitted by: Hill