



**SIERRA VISTA AIRPORT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2008 6:00 PM  
SVMA TERMINAL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McColley called the meeting of the Airport Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Terminal Building of the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, 2100 Airport Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dick McColley, Steve Ciccanti, John Falzone, Chris Ireland, Jon Nelson, and Bob Hazlett.

ATTENDEES:

City of Sierra Vista: Councilman Craig Johnson, Steve Tyminski and Janet Laduke  
Public: Cliff Van Vleet, Roland Bockhorst, Angelo Petropolis, Lee Gray, Rob Harnage, Kyle Koski, Brian Bellerose, David Isaak, and Leo Scherping.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves.

ACCOLADES FOR AVIATORS:

Mark Baker received his private pilot's license. Bobbie Dickens soloed.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Commissioner Ciccanti to accept the agenda as written. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Hazlett to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Ciccanti seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Airport Operations Report: Transportation Services Superintendent, Steve Tyminski

Steve reported the following:

- Z & H Engineering is working on the third ASOS.
- Coffman & Associates are working on the fees and charges study.
- Year in advance payment for hangars and tie-downs are being offered through January.

Fort Huachuca: Brian Bellerose

Brian reported the following:

- The new Airfield Commander is Carolyn Thompson – a retired Air Force Colonel.
- They are working on getting the NOTAM stating that FHU has restricted air space changed. They are working with the FAA on changing the wording.

- The WINGS Fly-In event was great.

Chairman's Report: Dick McColley

Update on putting "Ease of flying into FHU" on AirNav: The AirNav site has been updated and has a direct link to the Airport page of the City's website.

The Christmas airlift to Window Rock was a success. They had 26 aircraft participate.

The Cochise Cowboy poetry event has been listed on the Sierra Vista Aero Club's website – [svaero.org](http://svaero.org). It is linked to the cowboy poetry website – [www.cowboypoets.com](http://www.cowboypoets.com).

The need for a snooze room was reviewed. Commissioner Falzone will review nighttime activity with City staff and report to the Commission at the next meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Nelson to seek the approval of the City Manager to use one of the classrooms as a snooze room for transient pilots. Commissioner Falzone seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried. Councilman Johnson will make the request to the City Manager.

City Report: Councilman Craig Johnson

Councilman Johnson reported the following:

- Next year's budget will most likely be reduced Citywide.
- The City is hosting a reception on the 17<sup>th</sup> for the new state representatives. All commission members have been invited.
- Carol Dockter will be the new Airport Commission liaison.

The Airport Commission thanked Councilman Johnson for all his work during the time he was the liaison.

Dollar Rent a Car: Lee Gray

Lee asked if anyone had attendance numbers for the Cowboy Poetry event. Commissioner Nelson said he only knew that the ticket sales are down from last year.

Lee also asked if anyone knew where he could get lockers for keys.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Final Report on the December 6 APC – sponsored WINGS Fly-In event – Commissioner Nelson:

- 69 people attended the event. The on-line registration showed that 15 were from out of the area, with one from the Salt Lake City area.
- Mayor Pro Tem Rick Mueller spoke about activities in Sierra Vista and the surrounding area.
- There were 4 speakers.
  - Brian Bellerose (Libby ATC Training Officer) spoke about navigating the R-2303 airspace.
  - Gary Presley (Airspace Manager, D-M AFB) spoke on other Special-Use Airspace.
  - Randy Prine (FAASTeam Program Manager) spoke on FAA's new "WINGS" Program.
  - Dave Isaak and Alvin Brown (Southwest AeroTech) spoke on the status of the 402 MHz ELT.
- Complimentary coffee, donuts, drinks and lunch cost: \$ 395.63, about # 5.65 per person.

- Suggestions for future events include:
  - Aviation weather
  - On-line pilot resources
  - General aviation issues

NEW BUSINESS:

Interview of applicants for the open Commission position:

- Three applications were received from the City Clerk's Office. Brian Bellerose and Rob Harnage were two of the applicants who were present.

Commissioner Falzone suggested the Commission nominate Brian Bellerose as a voting member and Bob Shepard and Rob Harnage as non-voting members.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to nominate Brian Bellerose as a voting member of the Airport Commission. Commissioner Ireland seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried.

A resolution will be submitted to the City Council for approval at the January 8, 2009 meeting.

Commissioner Falzone made a motion to put the addition of the two new non-voting members on next months Airport Commission agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENT LOG:

Commissioner Falzone advised that the final draft of the airport brochure has gone to the printers. The brochures will be distributed to other airports within a 300 nautical mile circle. He is asking for local pilots to take some brochures with them when flying and distribute to areas outside of this area.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Brian Bellerose advised there would be a new STARS system on Monday and in mid-January the new radar site would be working. He also advised that after January, the Fort would be offering tours. There will be a new ATC facility in April.

EAA will be having a Young Eagles event for the Jr. ROTC from Nogales on January 31, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman McColley adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for January 14, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Airport Terminal Building.

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Dick McColley, Chairman

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Steve Ciccanti, Secretary