



**SIERRA VISTA AIRPORT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2008, 6:00 PM
SVMA TERMINAL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McColley called the meeting of the Airport Commission to order at 5:56 p.m. in the Terminal Building of the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, 2100 Airport Avenue.

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Falzone, Joe Gill, Bob Hazlett, Chris Ireland, Jon Nelson, Amy Metz, Dick McColley, and non-voting member Steve Ciccanti

ATTENDEES:

City of Sierra Vista: Mike Hemesath, Doug Strohl and Janet Laduke

Public: Brian Bellerose, Ft Huachuca, Dave Grieshop, George Pohlman, Dave Isaak, Leo Scherping, Cliff Van Vleet, Lee Gray, Kyle Koski, Robert Swann, Rob Harnage, Jimmy Walls, and Angelo Petropolis

INTRODUCTIONS:

Everyone introduced themselves.

ACCOLADES FOR AVIATORS:

None.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF JULY 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Airport Operations Report: Airport Operations Supervisor, Doug Strohl

Doug reported the following:

- The Thunder Vette Set will be having an event on Sunday August 31st.
- New blinds have been ordered for the classrooms.
- The drive-thru gate is not functioning due to lightning. Doug will manually open the gate at 7:00 a.m.

Commissioner Nelson noted that the passenger gate is not working also and that he is aware of at least one aircraft renter who left unaware of the other accesses. He suggested a sign be installed and Doug agreed. He indicated that he will install and appropriate sign.

Fort Huachuca: Brian Bellerose

- ASR radar project is going along well. The first functional test is today and tomorrow. The project should be completed and fully functional in December.

- Brian advised that we are LAAF's customers, and should contact the tower with any problems or comments. Chairman McColley asked who to contact on the weekend if there is a problem. Brian advised to contact FSS in Prescott.

Chairman's Report: Dick McColley

Update on putting "Ease of flying into FHU" on AirNav:

- The cost is \$350 for AirNav to generate an ad; \$300 for one year, and there is a \$50 set-up fee. The Commission will put together an ad for submission onto AirNav. Chairman McColley and Commissioner Metz will work on the ad.

Review of City websites re: SVMA:

- The City's website has been updated.

Review of Commission member terms/openings in October 2008:

- The following Commission member's terms will be up on October 12, 2008:
 - Commissioner Gill (final term)
 - Commissioner Metz (is available for another term)
 - Commissioner Ireland (is not available for another term)

The Commission will address nominations at the regular September meeting.

Review of budget and planning for same:

- The Commission's budget for FY 2009 is \$5,000. The majority of the budget will be used for advertising and supporting special events.

City Report: Mike Hemesath for Craig Johnson

- Mike advised that the ad for the FBO is out and was sent to the Sierra Vista Herald, 48 airports in the state of Arizona, AAAE, SWAAE, and the City's website. The first review is scheduled for October 2, 2008. The Commission requested that an ad be placed in America's Flyways. Mike advised that would be done. The following companies/persons have requested an information packet regarding the FBO:
 - Turner Aviation Associates
 - Airwest, Inc.
 - Gordon & Reese, LLC
 - County of San Bernardino

Dollar Rent a Car: Lee Gray

Lee advised that he has an advertisement up in the Terminal Building and also that they are now a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Lee advised he would like to put up some type of lock box (es) for keys. Doug advised he would work with him on that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of possibilities for an Air Show at FHU

- Commissioner Gill suggested that in lieu of an air show, the annual Fly-In/Open House at the Airport could be increased in size each year. He advised he would contact General Rataczak at the Arizona National Guard regarding a static display.
- Commissioner Falzone said that an air show is not feasible at this time due to the economy and an unsuccessful prior air show. He agreed that the annual Fly-In/Open House should be promoted more.

Commission slide show: Commissioner Gill

- Slide show reviewed and suggestions made. Joe will send copies of the show to all Commissioners with the request that additional photos would be greatly appreciated.

Update on APC sponsored WINGS Fly-In safety seminars: Commissioner Nelson

- Topic to be considered – Special-Use Airspace – Mysteries Revealed. The focus would be on local UVS activities and to address the other types of activities routinely encountered by GA pilots flying in the area.
- The FAA has a list of qualified speakers.

- It was agreed that the seminar should be held during the first part of December.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENT LOG:

Commissioner Falzone will update the APC on the Chamber of Commerce candidate forums regarding questions from local pilots.

- Several questions were submitted. The following are the questions to be asked of the candidates:
 - Have you read the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport Task Force's recommendations and findings of 08-05-07? Which, if any, do you support and why? Which, if any, do you NOT support and why?
 - What is your vision for the Airport?

Commissioner Falzone will be working with the City PIO on Airport advertising/marketing.

- Commissioner Falzone met with Marie Hansen of the City's Communication and Marketing Department. He advised that the Commission needs to define the marketing area they want to reach, and that he would be searching for various funding sources. He advised that a folded brochure could be made and that it should follow the same pattern as other brochures done by the City. He advised that the brochure should contain:
 - A narrative of the ease of flying into SVMA.
 - A list of local organizations.
 - A list of local services.
 - A list of things to do in the area.
 - A regional map.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Dave Grieshop – Cowboy Poetry Event: He advised that he has prepared a “ticket” for pilots to use at participating local hotels, restaurants and rental car agencies. The business will then know that the ticket-holder is to be afforded the pre-approved discount on services/meals.

Brian Bellerose – He advised that he has been contacted by an individual who wants to hire a local pilot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gill seconded the motion and without objection Chairman McColley adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for September 13, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the Airport Terminal Building.

Dick McColley, Chairman

Joe Gill, Secretary