

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
County of Dukes County, S.S.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**

**December 8, 2022, 2:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission Conference Room
and by Zoom Conference**

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** Don Ogilvie, Geoffrey Wheeler, Richard Knabel, Kristin Zern, Jack Ensor, Bob Zeltzer
 Staff: Geoffrey Freeman – Director, Denise Tawa – Executive Assistant, Joan Shemit - Business Manager
 Other: Matthew O’Brien – GeoTech, Eunki Seonwoo - MV Times, Aidan Pollard - Gazette

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ogilvie called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was placed on the floor by Mr. Knabel to approve the 11/10/22 draft minutes. Mr. Ensor seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll-call vote:

Ensor – Aye, Zern – Aye, Knabel – Aye, Ogilvie – Aye, Wheeler – Aye, Zeltzer – Abstain.

Motion carries (5 – Aye, 0 – Nay, 1 – Abstention).

III. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Knabel reported that there wasn't much to discuss other than the arrears. Since the sub-committee meeting last Friday, Ms. Metcalf has collected \$177,000. This brings the arrears balance down to the lowest amount it has been in a while. The Committee thanked the financial team for working hard to collect that money. Mr. Knabel also reported a positive cash flow. He also stated that Ms. Metcalf has been authorized to make some short-term, risk-free investments in treasuries with an interest rate of ~5%.

IV. LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No meeting.

V. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No meeting.

VI. MVY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Freeman reported on the various on-going and completed projects: Mini-splits for heating and cooling have been installed in the restaurant to compensate for the aging HVAC system. Individual portable heating and cooling units have also been purchased as back-up, so those no longer need to be rented in the event of a breakdown. The window sill seating in the terminal has been refinished. New carpet will be installed in the lobby on the 20th, as well as some heavy winter cleaning. The PlumeStop project has begun, they should be finished with the installation of the wells tomorrow. The derelict Duchess hangar was demolished this morning, Vineyard Wind will be building a new hangar over the next few months.

Airport Staff is attending annual fire training off island. Mr. Freeman attended the 15th annual Airports Going Green conference in Chicago; there were numerous topics discussed, many of which were geared towards the larger airports, but MVY was recognized as a small, seasonal airport. Topics included sustainable fuel direction and renewable bio fuels as well as net-zero building practices. The Commission discussed the process of transitioning to bio fuel, which Mr. Freeman said will not require new infrastructure because the new fuels are able to be mixed with the existing lead-based avfuel. The Commission discussed other alternative energy options including geo-thermal and solar. Mr. Freeman said the CVEK project to install a solar field has fallen through due to lack of interest by contractors (the project was not large enough). Mr. Freeman is looking into other options for solar. Mr. Freeman stated that Cape Air is the only passenger airline still operating. November airport operations are up about 9% over last year.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

VIII. ITEMS NOT REASONABLE ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

X. ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETINGS

MVAC: January 12, 2023 @ 2:00pm

Outreach: TBD

Land Use: TBD

Finance: January 6, 2023 @ 10:00am

XI. ADJOURN

At 2:28pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Zeltzer and seconded by Ms. Zern. No further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (6-0).

Minutes submitted by Juliet Mulinare.

Minutes approved: 1/12/23