

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

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

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** Bob Rosenbaum (Chair), Richard Knabel, Bob Zeltzer, Jack Ensor, Geoffrey Wheeler, Don Ogilvie (zoom), Kristin Zern* (zoom)
 Staff: Geoffrey Freeman – Director (zoom), Denise Tawa – Executive Assistant, Ann Metcalf – Comptroller, Joan Shemit - Business Manager
 Other: Brooke Kushwaha - MV Gazette, Eunki Seonwoo - MV Times, Jeremy Osborn

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rosenbaum 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 8/11/22 draft minutes. Mr. Zeltzer seconds the motion, brief discussion to clarify terms, roll call vote:

Ogilvie – Aye, Wheeler – Aye, Knabel – Aye, Zeltzer – Aye, Ensor – Aye, Rosenbaum – Aye.

PASSED (6 – Aye, 0 – Nay, 0 – Abstention); Zern not present at time of vote.

III. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Knabel stated that there was no real business other than review of the financials. They are still working through the transition of the previous comptroller to the new one. The financials show a healthy operating surplus for July (August financials are not yet available) due in part to high fuel sales. Mr. Knabel said there is an area of concern with Accounts Receivable, Ms. Metcalf has inherited a back log of about \$300k in invoicing that has not been sent out but she is working on getting everything up to date.

IV. LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

V. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

VI. MVY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Freeman informed the Commission that the painting project is out to bid with bids are due in a couple weeks. The deadline for completion of the project is November 15, 2022.

Statistics for August show air traffic counts down slightly from 2021. Commercial enplanement numbers are not complete at this time (still waiting on Delta) but based on the available information, the numbers are comparable to August of 2021.

American Airlines has finished their season. Delta will be continuing a little longer with one daily flight to New York. Jet Blue will continue operating until October 28 with a couple flights a day.

Mr. Rosenbaum asked for an update on the MVC hearing for Vineyard Wind. Mr. Freeman stated that Vineyard Wind's application for a new hangar was tentatively approved by the MVC; the official approval will happen in a couple weeks once the written record has closed. The project still needs approval from the West Tisbury Planning Board and Zoning Board. Demolition of the existing building is scheduled for next month pending those approvals.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that the County Commission met to consider the approval of the SRF loan application and it was approved unanimously; the 9/15/22 State deadline was met.

It is still unclear how the various grant funds will be obtained from the various grantors (County, State and Federal); they may be offered as a lump sum or may be based on a reimbursement process, this is TBD.

The Commission briefly discussed the election: there were two write-in candidates for County Commissioner (Ruskin & Israel) who were both successful; they will be on the ballot in November.

VIII. ITEMS NOT REASONABLE ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

**Ms. Zern joins the meeting.*

XI. ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETINGS

MVAC: Thursday, October 13, 2022 @ 2:00pm

Outreach: Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 2:00pm

Land Use: Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 3:00pm

Finance: Friday, October 7, 2022 @ 10:00am

XII. ADJOURN

At 2:25pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Zeltzer and seconded by Mr. Knabel. No further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously 7-0.

Minutes submitted by Juliet Mulinare.

Minutes approved: 10/13/2022