

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

**February 9, 2023, 2:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission Conference Room
and by Zoom Conference**

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** Bob Rosenbaum, Richard Knabel, Don Ogilvie, Geoffrey Wheeler, Bob Zeltzer, Kristin Zern (zoom), Jack Ensor (zoom)
 Staff: Geoffrey Freeman – Director, Denise Tawa – Executive Assistant, Joan Shemit - Business Manager
 Other: Matthew O’Brien, Eunke Seonwoo - MV Times, Thomas Humphrey – Gazette, Juliet Mulinare - Recorder

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rosenbaum called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – 1/12/2023

A motion was placed on the floor by Mr. Ogilvie to approve the 1/12/23 draft minutes. Mr. Knabel seconds the motion, no further discussion, roll call vote:

Ensor – Aye, Zeltzer – Aye, Ogilvie – Aye, Knabel – Aye, Wheeler – Aye, Zern – Aye, Rosenbaum – Aye. Motion passes unanimously (7-0-0).

III. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ogilvie reported that the ARPA funds (\$1.5million) have been released and there are some reimbursement requests from the Wastewater project to submit. Mr. Ogilvie reported on fuel sales, which are down slightly from last year. He reported that Accounts Receivable is down quite a bit, after collection efforts were ramped up. Overall, the Airport brought in more than projected and spent less, resulting in a cash surplus.

IV. LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The situation with Donaroma’s was sorted out quickly after the newspaper article was published. They will remain a lessee.

V. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Zern said they will know more in March about the MV Community Foundation funding for students interested in becoming pilots.

VI. MVY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Freeman reported on the Noise Study being funded with an FAA grant; an information session was held at the end of January and it was well attended. It provided an overview of the process, which is not mandatory for the Airport. The study will take several months to complete, with a final draft expected in September. This has never been done before.

Mr. Freeman informed the Committee that the existing taxi lane is too close to the Hangars per FAA standards, which makes the project ineligible for FAA funding. They are working with a consultant to modify the scope and may combine this project with the runway reconstruction to streamline delivery of asphalt and other construction materials.

The Replacement Snow Removal Equipment will go out to bid in the next couple of months.

Mr. Freeman reported on the January stats; Cape Air saw a significant increase in passenger travel.

Mr. Freeman also reported that the Business Park water line froze during the recent freeze event and had to be excavated to address the issue, which was resolved quickly. Mr. Freeman said he will be working to improve communications with the Business Park tenants during emergencies. Additionally, the mini-splits in the restaurant did not work during the freeze, so they had to close. They are working on a central heating system.

The new hangar is progressing rapidly, the steel is up.

Mr. Freeman is also actively pursuing solar power at the Airport by speaking with providers.

The contract for the management of the parking lot is up in March; Mr. Freeman is also working with a consultant to improve the parking area.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Rosenbaum stated that he signed the agreement with the County last Monday. He also stated that the option for zoom meetings will expire at the end of March but that he would like to continue with the hybrid option for the public and press to easily attend. He reminded the other members that the conflict of interest training and forms need to be submitted and to be cautious with emails as spy and ransom ware attacks are increasing.

Mr. Rosenbaum reported that PFAS have been detected in multiple other locations around the island and he is awaiting a response from State Senator Cyr on what might be done at a State level to address this growing concern.

Mr. Rosenbaum identified the three members of the Commission who are up for reappointment: Zeltzer, Wheeler and Ensor. There are two other applicants for the Commission, leaving five applicants for three seats. He is not sure if the County will make the appointments before the next meeting.

The Commission will vote on officers at the March meeting, everyone must be sworn in to vote.

VIII. ITEMS NOT REASONABLE ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

X. ANNOUNCE NEXT MEETINGS

MVAC: March 9, 2023 at 2:00pm

Outreach: March 2, 2023 at 2:00pm

Land Use: March 2, 2023 at 3:00pm

Finance: March 3, 2023 at 10:00am

XI. ADJOURN

At 2:55pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Ogilvie and seconded by Mr. Zeltzer. No further discussion, roll call vote:

Ensor – Aye, Knabel – Aye, Wheeler – Aye, Zeltzer – Aye, Zern – Aye, Ogilvie – Aye, Rosenbaum – Aye.
Motion passes unanimously **(7-0-0)**.

Minutes submitted by Juliet Mulinare.

Minutes approved: 3/9/23