

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD AIRPORT COMMISSION  
71 AIRPORT ROAD  
WEST TISBURY, MA, 02575**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN THE ARFF CONFERENCE ROOM  
JUNE 13, 2024, 2:00 P.M.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Bob Rosenbaum	MVAC Chair
Don Ogilvie	MVAC Vice-Chair
Richard Knabel	MVAC
Kristin Zern	MVAC (via teleconference)
Bob Zeltzer	MVAC
Jack Ensor	MVAC
Geoffrey Wheeler	MVAC (via teleconference)

**AIRPORT STAFF:**

Geoffrey Freeman	Airport Director
Denise Tawa	Airport Executive Assistant
Kevin Brennan	Airport Property Manager
Stuart Fuller	WWTP Operator
Jeremy Osborn	Chief Operator WWTP/ Facilities Manager

**GUESTS:**

Matthew O'Brien	McFarland-Johnson
James L. Ferraro Jr.	Legal Counsel

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, and the Commissioners having been given adequate and proper notice of the meeting, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**On a motion made by Richard Knabel, seconded by Don Ogilvie, to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 9, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The Finance Subcommittee voted to accept the Audit at their last meeting.

**4. LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Jack Ensor noted that the Land Use Subcommittee cancelled their last meeting and therefore no new agenda items were presented.

## 5. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Jack Ensor noted that the Outreach Subcommittee is continuing to finalize an event to bolster outreach on behalf of the airport.

## 6. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### 6.1 Grant Assurances

Geoffrey Wheeler presented the Airport Director's report, which covered the month of May, 2024. During this period, bad weather led to some cancelled flights from Delta and other airlines. The annual three-day FAA inspection, which covered every aspect of airport safety was a success, and only two slight discrepancies were noted. The Commission praised the staff of Martha's Vineyard Airport for their outstanding work on a daily basis, as reflected in the recent FAA inspection.

The grant assurances, as broken down and outlined in the Airport Director's Report, were reviewed by the Commission.

## 7. CHAIR'S REPORT

### 7.1 Update With James L. Ferraro, Jr., Esq on PFAS Litigation

James L. Ferraro updated the Commission on the PFAS litigation. He noted that the process has been slow-going, as there are five separate PFAS cases being reviewed by a single judge. The State of Massachusetts is a new plaintiff in the litigation case which is subsequently slowing down the legal process as well.

James L. Ferraro explained that in his opinion this is a case that the Commission would likely want presented to a jury. He noted that should the litigation be presented to a jury, the Commission could request that their case be presented to an out-of-state jury.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1 FAA PFAS Funding Grant

**On a motion made by Richard Knabel, seconded by Bob Rosenbaum, to approve having McFarland-Johnson proceed with the FAA PFAS funding grant on behalf of Martha's Vineyard Airport. Motion carried.**

The Commission discussed the recent FAA funding, despite being minimal, for airports with PFAS waste reduction/mitigation efforts in place, and whether Martha's Vineyard Airport may qualify for some of this funding. The airport may apply for a sum total of USD \$2.65 million as part of this funding.

The Commission inquired about whether the grant application will cost the airport. Matthew O'Brien from McFarland-Johnson noted that this application will be submitted on behalf of Martha's Vineyard Airport pro bono. James L. Ferraro agreed that it would be prudent for the Airport to determine how much of the grant they may be qualified for.

Matthew O'Brien noted that there is still very little clarity on the FAA regarding grant timelines, details, and other information.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is July 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was agreed that there was no further business of the Corporation to transact; the meeting was closed at 3:30 p.m.

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