

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING
ARFF CONFERENCE ROOM
AUGUST 8, 2024, 2:00 P.M.**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Bob Rosenbaum	MVAC Chair
Don Ogilvie	MVAC Vice-Chair (Via Teleconference)
Richard Knabel	MVAC
Kristin Zern	MVAC
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
Joan Shemit	Airport Business Manager (Via Teleconference)
Jesse Olsen	Airport Compliance Director

GUESTS:

Matthew O'Brien	McFarland-Johnson (Via Teleconference)
Matthew Sudarsky	Public
Norm Werthwein	Public

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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 Jack Ensor, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting held on June 13, 2024, as amended. Motion carried.

On a motion made by Richard Knabel, seconded by Jack Ensor, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting held on July 11, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

3. FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Subcommittee noted that the past months operating surplus was almost twice what was anticipated, meaning that more money was able to be afforded and contributed to the Corporations reserve fund. The parking lot being up and running, as well as the new rental car service have contributed to the notable operating surplus.

Jet A Fuel was consistent with what was to be expected. Accounts Receivable is basically zero which pleased the Committee. Overall, MVAC is in solid standing financially.

4. **LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The Land Use Subcommittee met on August 1, 2024. Change of ownership was discussed and the Committee is waiting to hear back on this item. It was also noted that lease agreements spanning over 20 years needed to obtain County approval. The new process is such that the County will be notified once leases spanning over 20 years come due so that a representative can attend the MVAC Board meeting as a member of the public and have their say on the process.

5. **OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The Outreach Subcommittee did not meet.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6.1 **Overhead Flights**

Matthew Sudarsky commented on behalf of the public regarding overhead flights affecting local neighborhoods surrounding Martha's Vineyard Airport. He requested that South and Southwest of the airport be listed as noise-sensitive areas due to them being populated areas.

Matthew Sudarsky also asked that the FAA Regulations regarding overhead flights be reviewed and implemented/enforced wherever possible. Finally, he posited that holding the MVAC Board meetings at 2:00 p.m. is potentially inaccessible for a large majority of the public due to this being during standard working hours.

Geoffrey Freeman presented statistics and research done by Martha's Vineyard Airport in the past regarding overhead flights noise and the affected areas. It is an issue that MVAC is aware of and has trouble regulating between FAA regulations, the flight control tower, and flight controllers. Geoffrey Freeman recommitted to working with Matthew Sudarsky and any other members of the public as well on this matter.

Bob Rosenbaum also offered to set up future meetings between MVAC, the FAA representatives, and members of the public at a more reasonable time for all involved to continue a dialogue on this topic.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is September 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was agreed that there was no further business of the Commission to transact; it was agreed to close the open portion of the Board meeting at 3:10 p.m. and enter an Executive Session.

On a motion made by Robert Zelter, seconded by Richard Knabel, that with no further business to conduct, to close the Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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Director

Director

Date

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