

M I N U T E S
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
September 13, 2016

The Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Farmington met on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 4:00 PM, in the Executive Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico.

Members Present:	Steve White Theresa Pacheco Wayne Mangum Tony Bennett
Members Absent:	Chairman Richard Neely John Arrington
Staff Present:	Russel Frost Jody Carman Mike Lewis Julie Baird
Others Present:	Felicia Bekis– Atlantic Aviation Dylan Garrison – Vernon Aviation George Riley – Vernon Aviation Mike Arnold – Vernon Aviation Savannah Gill - Enterprise

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Tony Bennett, there being a quorum present; the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

Approval of the September 13, 2016 Agenda

A motion was made by Tony Bennett and seconded by Wayne Mangum to approve the agenda and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of the AAC

Tony Bennett asked if anyone noted the need for any changes or additions to the minutes from August 9, 2016. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016, regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission and passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

Operations Report

Mike Lewis presented the statistics from the September 13, 2016 agenda.

In conjunction with the enplanement chart, Mike Lewis noted that Great Lakes is putting on more flights in October, 2016 and that the enplanement statistics would soon rise. He said that he would discuss more on that subject later.

Wayne Mangum asked Mike Lewis if the Great Lakes airplanes seated nine (9). Mike responded that the airplanes are Beechcraft 1900D that did seat nine (9). Also, Wayne Mangum inquired about the added Great Lakes flights and if they would keep a steady schedule. Mike explained how there won't be a pilot shortage when Great Lakes operates more flights in October. This is a result of Great Lakes pulling out of Essential Air Service Subsidy (EAS) airports.

Tony Bennett asked about the possibility of bringing other airlines into Farmington, specifically Boutique. Mike responded that Boutique would need federal funding for that scenario.

Steve White asked about the status of Guidance Aviation. Mike responded that San Juan College was still in the RFP process. San Juan College is assembling an advisory board to help the school move forward. Mike discussed the current timeline reality by mentioning that the original goal for January Guidance Aviation School startup may not be met.

Mike presented his list of items which included:

1. Great Lakes will be running 15 flights a week starting October 1, 2016. Mike presented the schedule in short that there would be twelve (12) flights to Denver and three (3) flights to Phoenix per week. Mike also presented airport plans to promote the additional Great Lakes flights including Facebook, web pages, and ads.
2. The erosion control construction will start early October, 2016.
3. Mike mentioned that there was an article in the Sunday Daily Times about airport grants.
4. Ready for snow removal.

5. Four Corners Regional Airport had a visit by Senator Heinrich's staff, Jim Dumont and Dominic Saavedra. They indicated to Mike Lewis that they will push for funding in the future.
6. Four Corners Regional Airport is ready for snow removal.
7. Cortez and Alamosa Airports awarded Denver flights to Boutique. Penn Air was awarded to Dodge City and Liberal, Kansas, North Platte, Kearney, and Scottbluff.
8. The Gate for City of Farmington access on the north end of the airport is complete, and the arroyo is starting to be filled.

Business from the Chairman:

Tony Bennett asked if there were any questions for Mike Lewis from the board or from the floor. Wayne Mangum asked about exemption award dollars and the bill schedule. Mike Lewis explained that we will spend the \$150,000 left in our accounts and utilize the million dollars that will come our way next year.

Tony Bennett mentioned the Aztec fly-in venue held at the Aztec Airport on September 10, 2016. He indicated that we should do something like that here. Mike mentioned that possibly Four Corners Regional Airport might host a fly-in or air show this fall. We could put together a committee to help organize an event here in Farmington.

Business from the Floor:

Tony Bennett asked if there were any questions for Mike Lewis from the board or from the floor.

George Riley from Vernon Aviation asked if there was any guarantee that Great Lakes flights might be consistent. Mike responded that the pilot shortage may not be as bad since Great Lakes is not operating in as many cities as in the past.

George Riley inquired about the possibility of putting up a security fence inside the fence by his hangar. He has had 35 charter enplanements. His customers are parking out front of the hangar. Mike mentioned that we are working on having police presence to patrol ramp, in conjunction the Airport has put together a safety slide presentation. George Riley was given permission to build his security fence.

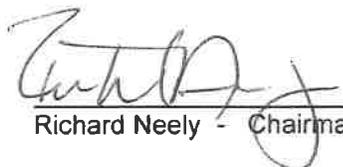
George Riley introduced new pilot Mike Arnold Jr. and spoke about his qualifications. He also presented future plans for Vernon Aviation. Vernon currently has a consistent schedule for charter flights flying regularly. Vernon is offering flights to Las Vegas from Farmington or Durango for 3 days and 2 nights at a cost of \$4,400.00. His airplanes are Cessna 414's which can carry five (5) passengers with medium weight luggage. Vernon may possibly include Albuquerque flights in the future. Durango charges approximately \$840 for each round trip flights to Las Vegas. Vernon now has a special limited time offering flight cards available to customers which offers ten (10) flight hours for the price of nine (9) flight hours. That is a \$1,000.00 value!

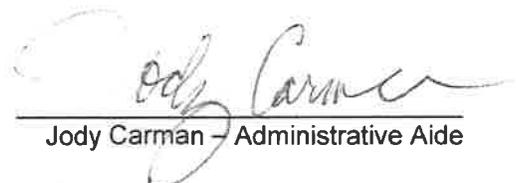
George Riley introduced new pilot Mike Arnold and spoke about his qualifications. He also presented future plans for Vernon Aviation. Vernon currently has a consistent schedule for flights flying regularly and carrying freight. Vernon will offer Friday afternoon flights to Las Vegas and fly back again on Sunday. His airplanes are Cessna 414 which can carry five (5) passengers. He feels he needs to build more clientele before he promotes Las Vegas flights. Vernon may possibly include Albuquerque and Durango in the future. Durango charges approximately \$840 for round trip flights to Las Vegas. Vernon Aviation plans to offer comparable pricing. Vernon now has a special flight card available to current customers which offers ten (10) flight hours for the price of nine (9) flight hours. That is a \$1,000.00 value!

Tony Bennett asked if there was any more news from the floor. There was none.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Tony Bennett at 4:23 p.m.


Richard Neely - Chairman


Jody Carman - Administrative Aide