

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE BARSTOW AIRPORT ADVISORY  
COMMISSION MEETING**

June 2, 2009

PRESENT: Janson, Woodruff, Siemer, Pollack

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS: Jim Reike, Jack Hallet, John Palen, JT Rairigh, Dot Hornsby, one other person

REPORTED BY: Bradd Maki

Commissioner Pollack called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

The minutes of the regular March 24, 2009 meeting was received and reviewed. The minutes were moved by Siemer and supported by Janson **“to approve and file the minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting.”** Approved (4/0).

The Monthly Manager’s Report Summary for March and April 2009 was presented and reviewed by J.T. Rairigh. Comparisons were made with the same time period the previous year. There were 48 good flying days and 13 poor flying days for this period. Aircraft movements were up primarily due to an increase in training flights. Total gallons of fuel were down primarily due to less fuel purchased for annual mosquito control. Rainfall was over double from the previous year. It was moved by Janson and supported by Siemer **“to accept the Monthly Manager’s Report Summary.”** Approved (4/0)

The Airport Maintenance Status Report was provided by J.T. Rairigh. Rairigh indicated equipment was working well, but mowing is slower due to rainfall numbers primarily. Areas should be mowed about once per week this time of year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Project Updates – Maki provided updates of the new fuel tank project and new snow removal equipment (SRE) purchase. The fuel tank project is being designed by the airport consultant with reviews scheduled to be complete in June and bids in July. The SRE is scheduled to be purchased and built prior to winter 2009. Attachments will need to be modified somewhat and be purchased separately from the tractor. The AWOS is operational and map can be viewed on the web using a quick link in the City website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fact-Finding Committee Report – Siemer provided this report. Information was provided to the commission regarding performing a pilot survey, which included a questionnaire.

The primary objective is to determine the importance of on-field maintenance relative to other services provided at the airport and help determine whether efforts should be made to provide future organized maintenance. It can also be used to help determine other needs at the airport.

Some discussion ensued regarding the need for the number of "kit" or "home-made" aircraft were discussed as it affects the need for mechanics. Also, shuttle service was mentioned as a possible question in the survey.

Capital Plan- Maki provided a visual copy of the 5-year capital plan which was acceptable to the commission for submittal to MDOT. Some questions regarding the proposed storage building, user survey, and fencing were discussed. A drainage improvement project may be considered as a future project as well. McManus indicated MDOT is going to require 10-year plans in the future and that staff would work with the consultant regarding expanding the project list.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Hornsby indicated the Aviation Camp is on and it is full, with a waiting list. Dates are June 15-20<sup>th</sup>. The Young Eagles (for 8-17 year old youth) will be at the EAA hangar on June 12<sup>th</sup>. EAA will has its next pancake breakfast scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-11 a.m. There is a ½ hour long program available that has aired on MCTV showing an overview of Midland with aerial video.

Mr. Hallet responded to the pilot survey discussed earlier. He requested removing the word "private" in item #2. Also, he requested to change the word "kit" to "home built" and that there should be a list of who has a home built plane and who does not. Mr. Hallet also indicated that he supports "through the fence" mechanic operations as pilots should have a choice of mechanics. It was further discussed that another pilot survey question should ask whether "through the fence" operations are preferred over an FBO or whether their aircraft is maintained on or off the airport. A concern was raised that FBO's must be adequately protected.

Mr. Reike questioned the purpose of the pilot survey. He indicated there is much more work to be done to address maintenance than what a survey would provide. Options should be made available for pilots. He indicated FBO's cannot make it on their own, but the need for maintenance is there.

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.**