



ANOKA COUNTY- BLAINE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Atlantic Aviation ANE
9877 N Airport Rd, NE, Blaine, MN 55449

The meeting started at 4:06 p.m. In attendance were:

Representatives: C. Daml, Northstar Flyers; K. Devries, Lexington; S. Erkel, East Bethel; S. Gunn, Mounds View; T. Newland, Blaine; M. Percy, City of Circle Pines; D. Quimby, Lino Lakes; S. Reed, Atlantic Aviation; J. Reinert, Anoka County; T. Ryan, Blaine; K. Sislo, EAA Chapter 237. G. Krantz, North Central Aviation and M. Lawrence, Anoka County Aviation Association, participated virtually.

MAC Staff: J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator, C. Metcalfe, Assistant Manager – Community Relations, P. Tiedemann, Manager - Anoka County-Blaine Airport, K. Verdeja, Recording Secretary

Others: K. Watson, University Avenue ACES; J. Krack, Reliever Airports Advisory Committee; S. Schultz, C. Gardner, Metropolitan Council participated virtually.

1. Introductions

Chair Erkel called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm. She asked all attendees to introduce themselves briefly. There were 21 participants.

A quorum of three User Representatives and three Community Representatives was established.

Public Representatives: K. Devries, S. Erkel, S. Gunn, T. Newland, M. Percy, J. Reinert, T. Ryan, D. Quimby

User Representatives: C. Daml, G. Krantz, M. Lawrence, S. Reed, K. Sislo

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2023

Chair Erkel opened the item for discussion, approving the October 11, 2023 meeting minutes.

Representative Devries moved and Representative Daml seconded to:

Accept the October 11, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.



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4. Nominations and Elections of Airport User Chair

Chair Erkel opened the item to nominations and discussion for the Airport User Chair. Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, explained the duties and responsibilities of the position. There were no nominations for the role.

**Representative Percy moved and Representative Devries seconded to:
Table the Election of the User Chair to a future meeting.
The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

5. Nominations and Elections of Community Chair

Chair Erkel opened the item to nominations and discussion for the Community Chair. **Representative Erkel** was the only nominee for this position.

**Representative Devries moved and Representative Percy seconded to:
Elect Representative Erkel as the Community Chair
The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Community Representatives.**

6. Bylaws Update

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, explained that there were a few recommended changes to the bylaws that pertained to Article III: Membership to reflect all memberships start on January 1 of even numbered years and the term is for two years. Successors may fill vacancies for the remainder of an existing term.

Another change was explained for Article V: Co-Chairpersons that clarified Co-Chairs will have authority to set agendas, may set time limits for discussions, and may form subcommittees.

The last change being proposed was to correct a typo in Article VI: Rules of Order because "constuency's" was misspelled.

**Representative Percy moved and Representative Ryan seconded to:
Accept the recommended changes to the Anoka County-Blaine Airport Advisory Commission By-Laws.
The motion passed by unanimous vote**

7. 2024-2025 Work Plan Approval

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, introduced the topic of the 2024-2025 Work Plan and went over the proposed Work Plan for the Commission for 2024-2025. Chair Erkel asked that information be provided during meetings to share details about events as well as information about roadway changes or updates and developments in the area of the airport.

**After some discussion, Representative Gunn moved and Representative Sislo seconded to:
Accept the Anoka County-Blaine Airport Advisory Commission Work Plan as drafted.
The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

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8. Airport User Spotlight:

Philip Tiedeman, Manager—Anoka County—Blaine Airport, introduced **Kate Watson, Curriculum Education Coordinator, University Avenue Elementary School**. **Ms. Watson** explained the school's location and reviewed some background information. The school is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Magnet School and an aerospace school. **Ms. Watson** gave a brief overview of the grade-level curriculum, which focuses on aerospace.

Representative Percy commented on the wonderful options highlighted by Ms. Watson. Representative Ryan shared some insights on the school. Representative Gunn recognized a woman pilot.

9. Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints Summary Q1 2024:

1st Quarter 2024

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise and Operation System ([MACNOMS](http://www.macnoise.com)) tool, its updates, and how the operations were tracked. **Ms. Lewis** also explained that more detail about complaints and operations is available at www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports

Ms. Lewis stated there were 303 noise complaints from 134 locations and 111 nighttime complaints from 8 nighttime locations at Anoka County–Blaine Airport (ANE). **Ms. Lewis** explained most complaints were regarding piston aircraft.

Mr. Tiedeman explained that during the quarter, there were 14,251 operations, of which 557 were nighttime operations, were recorded for Anoka County–Blaine Airport. He also reviewed the Q1 ANE Operations History.

Representative Reinert noted that the increase in complaints does not match the increase in operations. There was more discussion about the fluctuation in complaints throughout the calendar year and the most common interactions with people calling about noise at ANE.

10. Airport Manager Update

Philip Tiedeman, Manager of Anoka County—Blaine Airport (ANE), gave an update on the Long-Term Comprehensive Plan. He noted that Eric Gilles, MAC's Airport Planner, intends to begin the long-term planning process for ANE toward the end of 2024 by selecting a consultant and scoping the project in Q1 2025, then kick off in Q2.

Mr. Tiedeman announced that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is celebrating 80 years of existence as an airport. He gave an update on development and planning efforts, which include reconstructing Service Road, building an Equipment Storage Building, Replacing and upgrading tower equipment, replacing and improving fencing, and coordinating with MnDOT on their Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) replacement project.

11. ACBAAC Events

Mr. Tiedeman noted ways to support our tenants and community with events all around the system: Father's Day Open House at Crystal Airport (MIC), Pan-O-Prog at Airlake Airport (LVN), Girls in Aviation Day at Flying Cloud Airport (FCM), 3M Open at ANE, GMAG at the Buffalo Airport, and educational and learning

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opportunities for grade school kids all the way up through college, and helping Girl Scouts earn badges. He noted the numerous opportunities to get children and community members involved with aviation. Representative Sislo explained that they are hosting a pancake breakfast in June.

Mr. Tiedeman mentioned that more general aviation information can be found online at [Our Airports | Metropolitan Airports Commission \(metroairports.org\)](https://metroairports.org)

12. **Member Remarks and Feedback**

Chair Erkel opened the floor to ideas and suggestions. There were no comments.

13. **Set 2024 Meeting Dates**

Chair Erkel led a discussion regarding the next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. The location will be determined later. Chair Erkel recommended to the community members that the links for the ANE meetings and the other links discussed during the meetings be added to their respective websites to promote community participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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