



ANOKA COUNTY- BLAINE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
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METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Atlantic Aviation ANE
9877 N Airport Rd, NE, Blaine, MN 55449

The meeting started at 4:05 p.m. In attendance were:

Representatives: J. Reinert, Anoka County; S. Erkel, East Bethel; T. Ryan, Blaine; K. Devries, Lexington; B. Haake, Mounds View; D. Quimby, Lino Lakes; B. Orr, Atlantic Aviation; C. Daml, Northstar Flyers; K. Sislo, EAA Chapter 237. Representatives S. McChesney, Circle Pines, and M. Lawrence, Anoka County Aviation Association participated virtually.

MAC Staff: J. Egan, Assistant Manager, Community Relations; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; P. Tiedemann, Manager, Anoka County-Blaine Airport, K. Verdeja, Administrative Specialist

Others: K. Lewis, East Bethel; M. Wolfe, T. Newland, Blaine; M. Heule, EAA Chapter 237; S. Schulte, Hanger Owner; J. Krack, Reliever Airports Advisory Committee; T. Smith, ATP

1. Introductions

Chair Orr called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. He asked all attendees to introduce themselves briefly. There were 22 participants.

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

Public Representatives: J. Reinert, S. Erkel, T. Ryan; S. McChesney, K. Devries; B. Haake, D. Quimby
User Representatives: B. Orr; C. Daml; M. Lawrence; K. Sislo

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 2, 2022

Chair Orr opened the item for discussion approving the November 2, 2022 meeting minutes.

Representative Erkel moved and Representative Ryan seconded to:
Accept the November 2, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.
The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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3. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

4. Airport User Spotlight:

Chair Orr introduced Terrance, an instructor from ATP Flight School. ATP began service at Anoka County – Blaine Airport (ANE) in 2022. ATP is the nation’s largest flight school providing students with the most efficient path to a successful airline pilot career. There are currently 29 students, with a median age of 24, on the fast track to earning their pilot’s license.

ATP has a fleet of about 500 and houses three to four aircraft at Anoka. They are going to try and open a hangar here at Anoka in the future. As an example of their Minnesota graduates, Terrance noted that the chief assistant pilot to Endeavor is a graduate of the Flying Cloud location.

Chair Orr made additional comments following the ATP presentation. He noted that ATP is filling a much-needed gap in the airline industry. Chair Orr thanked Terrance for his time and for sharing information about the organization.

5. Airport Manager Update

Philip Tiedeman, Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport, gave an overview of the winter operations. This included noting that this past winter season saw roughly 95 inches of snow at ANE when the last three seasons have been close to average at around 55 inches. He noted that the crews were called out for 22 snow events, including 39 overnight clearing operations. There were some challenges with equipment repairs and chemicals, long lead times, and product scarcity. Last year, the practice was changed to brooming the runways more often than plowing them. The runways were in better condition for aircraft operations and opened longer than in past years, which is the priority.

Mr. Tiedeman also reviewed the traffic trends and observations. In 2022 the tower reported 73,685 operations. The first few months were fairly consistent with the previous year, however, the last few months have seen an increase in traffic for a number of reasons. He also noted that the operations numbers might look a bit different as they are collected in a different way than the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) captures the information.

The anticipated construction at ANE includes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 18/36 Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI) Replacement, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Aeronautics replacement of the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) units, the MAC projects of rehabilitating Taxiway A, replacing incandescent lights with LED and installing new LED lights south of runway 9/27, running new cables, and some other updates to airfield signage. Lastly, the long-term comp plan is slated to start next year with some outreach and information-gathering meetings being planned in the future.

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Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, gave a definition of the Long-Term Plan. **Ms. Lewis** gave an overview of the planning process at Anoka County-Blaine Airport is tentatively scheduled to start in 2024. She acknowledged that this group has shown interest in actively participating in the process.

6. Tour Dates Discussion

Philip Tiedeman, Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport, began a discussion surrounding the possibility of a tour of the airport.

Representative Ryan commented that the loss of the air show may have affected attendance.

Representative Sislo commented on the upcoming Burger Bash.

7. Long-Term Plan Schedule

Philip Tiedeman, Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport, noted that this topic was discussed during the Airport Manager's Update earlier in the meeting.

8. Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints Summary:

2022 Overview

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, reviewed the 2022 operations and noise complaints. She explained the key colors on the ANE Aircraft Operations and Complaint Overview January 2022-March 2023 slide. She noted that comparing first-quarter complaints from 2023 to 2022 to 2021 shows an overall decrease in complaints. She reviewed the complaints and households by month from January 2022 through March 2023.

1st Quarter 2023

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, stated there were 290 noise complaints from 8 locations and 123 nighttime complaints from 6 nighttime locations. There were 13,806 operations of which 698 were nighttime operations recorded for Anoka County-Blaine Airport during the quarter. She broke down the aircraft types generating ANE noise complaints in Q1 2023. **Ms. Lewis** explained the change in the collection of data.

She also explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise and Operation System (MACNOMS) 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

Jack Egan, Assistant Manager - Community Relations, expanded on the discussion and education process that takes place when a MAC staff member speaks to a complainant.

9. Member Ideas and Suggestions

Chair Orr opened the floor to ideas and suggestions.

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Representative Erkel thanked the staff for the list of members of the committee. She inquired about a list of users. Mr. Tiedemann responded to her inquiry. She clarified that she would prefer to have a list of airport tenants.

Representative Haake commented on the importance of communication with the community regarding changes to the airport and long-term plans.

Representative Reinart asked how the length of the airport would/could increase piston aircraft. **Chair Orr** explained the safety reasoning regarding the length of the runway at ANE.

Chair Orr shared his perspective regarding the airport and the types of businesses, aircraft and pilots there are at the airport.

Representative Ryan also shared his perspective on the airport.

Ms. Lewis reviewed the community events at ANE. They included the Blaine Burger Bash Fly-In on June 3 from 10 am to 2 pm and an Aircraft Viewing Area Open House on September 27 from 4 pm to 6 pm.

She also noted that there was a flyer available that listed events at the MAC Reliever Airports in 2023. Lastly, an additional flyer with consolidated information regarding the MAC system of airports was available.

10. Set Next Meeting Date

Chair Orr led a discussion regarding the date of the next meeting. It was decided that the meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Atlantic Aviation Terminal.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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