



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

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

****Teleconference Only****

The meeting started at 4:01 p.m. and was facilitated by Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager, Anoka County – Blaine Airport. In attendance by teleconference were:

Representatives: B. Haake, City of Mounds View; S. McChesney, City of Circle Pines; B. Orr, Fixed Base Operation; C. Daml, Northstar Flyers; R. Plaisance, City of East Bethel; S. Schulte, Anoka County; G. Krantz, North Central Aviation; M. Wolfe, City of Blaine; N. Zikmund, City of Mounds View; M. Lawrence, Anoka County Aviation Association; M. Percy, City of Circle Pines; C. Webb, MN Helicopter; J. Reinert, Anoka County; S. Erkel, City of East Bethel;

MAC Staff: P. Tiedeman, Airport Manager, Anoka County – Blaine Airport; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; M. Ross, Assistant Manager, Community Relations; D. Nelson, Director – Stakeholder Engagement; J. Harris, Director – Reliever Airports; B. Juffer, Manager, Community Relations; K. Verdeja, Administrative Specialist

Others: J. Krack, G. Kalogerson, G. Garner

A quorum of three User Representatives and three Community Representatives was established by roll call attendance:

User Representatives: Brian Orr, Greg Krantz, Cheryl Daml and Michael Lawrence

Community Representatives: Steve McChesney, Suzanne Erkel, Barbara Haake

1. Introductions

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport offered time to each of our participants to briefly introduce themselves to the Commission. There were a total of 24 participants.

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2020

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport opened the item for discussion approving the minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting.

**Representative Schulte moved and Representative Erkel seconded to:
Accept the May 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented**

The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eight Orr, Krantz, Daml, Lawrence, Webb, McChesney, Erkel, Reinert
Nays: None
Abstain: None

3. Nominations and Elections of Airport User Chair

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport updated the attendees about the chair nomination and election process. Mr. Tiedeman opened the item to nominations and discussion for the role of Chair of the Airport User Group. Representative Orr was the only nomination for this position.

Representative Lawrence moved and Representative Krantz seconded to:

Close the nominations for the Chair of the User Group.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Five Orr, Krantz, Daml, Lawrence and Webb
Nays: None
Abstain: None

With a majority vote, Representative Brian Orr was elected as the Chair of the User Group.

4. Nominations and Elections of Community/Public Chair

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport opened the business item to nominations for the role of Chair of the Community/Public Group. Mr. Tiedeman mentioned that the same process applied to the User Chair would be used for the Community/Public Chair nomination and election process. There were two nominees: Representative Erkel and Representative Quimby.

1. Representative Haake moved and Representative McChesney seconded to:

Close the nominations for the Chair of the Community Group.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Four McChesney, Erkel, Haake and Reinert
Nays: None

Abstain None

With a majority vote, Representative Suzanne Erkel was elected as the Chair of the Community/Public Group.

Mr. Tiedeman explained that the Co-Chair could choose to moderate the rest of the current meeting. Both Chair Erkel and Chair Orr deferred their appointment to the next business meeting.

5. Overview of ANE Noise Complaints and Operations Summary 3rd Quarter – Jennifer Lewis

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, stated there were 466 noise complaints from 17 locations and 114 nighttime complaints from 11 nighttime locations. There were 12,561 operations and 810 nighttime operation recorded for Anoka County-Blaine Airport during the quarter. Ms. Lewis explained that more detail about complaints and operations is available at www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport discussed the airport operations. There were a total of 12,561 operations to date of which 810 were nighttime operations. Mr. Tiedeman also gave some highlights about the airport to include the number of aircraft based there, the number of hangars, annual operations, aviation services and the two runways. He also mentioned that Anoka County/Blaine Airport is the second busiest reliever airport in the MAC reliever airport system.

6. Construction Update

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport gave an update for the construction at the airport. The first project was LED Edge Lighting which has seven small phases to limit disruption. The second was the Pavement Reconstruction which was completed July 31, 2020.

7. Tenant Highlight

(Representative) Greg Krantz, North Central Aviation, gave some background about the organization which provides private aviation charter and aircraft management. Mr. Krantz serves as the Director of Operations. There are three aircraft on their certificate: Pilatus PC12, King Air 350 and BeechJet 400A.

Representative Plaisance, City of East Bethel, asked for a list of tenants and their contact information to be shared with the membership roster so it could be used to refer business to current tenants of the airport.

8. Public Comment

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment. There were no members of the public who commented.

9. Comments by Commissioners

Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport, thanked the Representatives and all in attendance for participating and opened the discussion to the representatives.

Representative Haake asked if there were plans regarding the comprehensive plans for the airport. Ms. Haake also inquired about public hearings and how the hearings will be made known to the public for comment. Ms. Haake also commented, as a representative from the City of Mounds View, the city is quite concerned about the possibility of the North/South runway being extended.

Mr. Tiedeman responded to the questions that there is no definitive timeline set for the comprehensive plan for the airport and that the process currently on hold due to the pandemic.

Representative Orr, commented about the airport and growth potential. With their location being close to the I35 corridor and Highway 10-corridor it could lead to more growth at the airport. Mr. Orr offered to be a contact for anyone interested in speaking to him about growth possibilities with businesses at the airport.

10. Set next Meeting Date

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, advised the group that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 with a location to be determined based on the guidelines set forth regarding social distancing and public health and safety.

Representative Erkel moved and Representative Haake seconded to:

Adjourn the October 14, 2020 Anoka County – Blaine Airport Advisory Commission Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.