



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

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

**\*\*Teleconference Only\*\***

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The meeting started at 4:02 p.m. In attendance by teleconference were:

**Representatives:** J. Smith, City of Blaine; K. Devries, City of Lexington; S. Erkel, City of East Bethel; B. Haake, City of Mounds View; J. Reinert, Anoka County; B. Orr, Lynx; C. Daml, Northstar Flyers

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

**Others:** J. Krack, J. Peterson, T. Hennagir, M. Wolfe

A quorum of three User Representatives and three Community Representatives was not established by roll call attendance:

**User Representatives:** B. Orr, C. Daml

**Community Representatives:** K. Devries, S. Erkel, J. Reinert

**1. Introductions**

**Chair Erkel** called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. There were a total of 18 participants.

**2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2021**

A quorum was not established for this meeting; thus business could not be conducted. The Review and Approval of the May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes will be tabled until the next meeting of the commission.

**3. Public Comment**

**Chair Erkel** introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment. There were no members of the public interested in commenting.

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#### 4. **Airport Manager Update**

**Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport**, explained that Neil Otey, ANE Control Tower manager retired at the end of August. Mr. Tiedeman continued by saying after 31 years with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the US Navy and about 18 years with Midwest ATC Services, Mr. Otey has decided to retire. The new Tower Manager, Chris Canfield, will begin the onboarding process in early November. He is coming from another tower in Massachusetts. Mr. Canfield has previously worked at the tower in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Mr. Tiedeman gave an update on the West Perimeter Road. Construction is slated to begin in 2024. Current we are repaving of the taxiway and improved some of the drainage roads. In 2023 update some taxiways and update some of the LED lighting. He also updated the committee regarding winter operations. Staff is busy preparing for the winter weather.

Mr. Tiedeman gave an overview of the last Reliever Airport Advisory Commission (RAAC) Meeting. This meeting is a chance to meet and review the reliever airports as a whole. It is comprised of a member from each of the airports. The most recent meeting was in September 2021. Mr. Tiedeman gave an overview of the RAAC Meeting.

#### 5. **ANE Development and Planning Efforts**

**Lydia Werner, Airport Planner**, joined the Metropolitan Airports Commission in May 2021. She is a native Minnesotan and gave an overview of her background. Ms. Werner discussed the planned projects at Anoka County – Blaine Airport. The next Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) to begin in late 2023. She also spoke about the Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) to be convened in late 2024 which is designed to capture any major changes at the airport and update associated airport zoning ordinance.

#### 6. **Tenant Highlight**

**Philip Tiedeman, Airport Manager – Anoka County – Blaine Airport**, introduced Alan Akre, President and Owner, R.C. Avionics. Mr. Akre explained that R.C. in “R.C. Avionics” stands for Russ Calendar who started the business. Mr. Akre was hired as the first employee. Mr. Akre explained that R.C. Avionics currently has nine employees. They are a full service avionic p including sales, installation, repair, and maintenance for all General Aviation airplanes and Rotorcraft. He continued by sharing that R.C. Avionics moved from St. Paul to Blaine County in 2004.

Mr. Akre responded to an inquiry from Philip Tiedeman regarding upgrades.

#### 7. **Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints Summary – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021**

**Michele Ross, Assistant manager of Community Relations**, explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise and Operation System (MACNOMs) updates and how the operations were tracked. Ms. Ross stated there were 400 noise complaints from 22 locations and 115 nighttime complains from 11 nighttime locations. There were 17,596 operations and 1,006 nighttime operations recorded for Anoka County-Blaine Airport during the quarter. Ms. Ross explained that more detail about complaints and operations is available at [www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports](http://www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports)

**8. MAC Flight Tracker Demonstration**

**Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor**, explained the website [www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports](http://www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports) and how to access the flight tracker information. The default view that will be displayed will show the flight data currently with a one minute delay. There is a label associated with each aircraft with the flight id, the departure airport and the arrival airport. If the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has the information, it will be displayed. If the MAC does not have the full information available, it may be marked as unknown by the letters "UKN". She also explained that an address can be found at the top of the page. Ms. Lewis then described the tools on the left side of the page and how they work.

**9. Member Comments**

**Chair Erkel** thanked 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 emphasized how the hearings will be made known to the public for comment.

**John Krack** expressed a concern regarding a development being built south of the airport.

**10. Set next Meeting Date**

**Chair Erkel** led a discussion regarding the date of the next meeting. It was decided the meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 4:00 pm with a location to be determined based on the guidelines set forth regarding social distancing and public health and safety.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.