



Airlake Airport ADVISORY COMMISSION



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**METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
Lakeville City Hall
20195 Holyoke Avenue,
Lakeville, MN 55044

The meeting started at 4:03 p.m. In attendance by were:

Representatives: J. Bermel, City of Lakeville; A. Forsberg, Aloft Aviation; K. Jech, Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce; P. Moynihan, Pilot; D. Wolbert, Pilot; R. Wood, Eureka Township. The following attended virtually: S. Guetter, Penguin Flight; E. Laberee, Dakota County; K. Chatfield, Dakota County

MAC Staff: R. Dockry; Airport Manager – Airlake Airport; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; B. Peterson, Airport Manager – Flying Cloud Airport; K. Verdeja, Recording Secretary. The following staff attending virtually: Y. Bizen, Commissioner, Metropolitan Airports Commission; M. Ross, Manager – Community Relations.

Other: D. Oberg, Aloft

A quorum of at least three User Representatives and three Public Representatives was established.

1. Welcome and Introductions

J. Bermel, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. There was a total of 16 participants. **Chair Bermel** the purpose and goals of the council. He asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. New Airport Manager Announcement

Chair Bermel introduced Blaine Peterson, Airport Manager – Flying Cloud Airport. Mr. Peterson introduced Robert (Rob) Dockry as the new Airport Manager for Airlake Airport. Mr. Dockry has worked in some capacity at each of the reliever airports in the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC).

Chair Bermel welcomed Mr. Dockry and thanked Mr. Peterson for his service to the Airlake Airport.

3. Consent Items

Chair Bermel led a discussion regarding the agenda. **Chair Bermel** also opened a discussion regarding the approval of the minutes from the committee meeting on September 8, 2022. There was no discussion.

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**Representative Wood moved and Representative Forsberg seconded to:
Approve the Meeting from the September 8, 2022 Meeting as presented.
Representative Sauber abstained from the vote.**

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

Chair Bermel introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment. There were no comments made.

5. Airport Developments Overview

Rob Dockry, Manager – Airlake Airport, updated the council on the airport development. He began with the environmental assessment for the proposed runway extension. Currently, the runway is 4,099 to 4,850 feet. The Purpose and Need and the Letter of Intent were submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration this week, which begins the 12-month time frame.

Mr. Dockry responded to questions regarding construction dates and plans. **Mr. Dockry** and **Blaine Peterson** clarified that the 225th Street area pavement would be included in the construction plan. They also responded to questions regarding if the council would be included in the discussions surrounding the construction calendar. There was also a discussion about the type of aircraft that could be allowed to use the airport once the runway construction is completed.

6. Airport Manager's Update

Rob Dockry, Manager – Airlake Airport, updated the council with a new full-time employee added to the maintenance crew. Mr. Dockry also gave an update on the Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF) and a request has been made to change the frequency used by the airport. The review process has been started on the frequency change discussion. Mr. Dockry also discussed traffic patterns and aircraft operations. He also stated there were 12,191 operations and 295 nighttime operations recorded for Airlake Airport during the quarter

Mr. Dockry responded to numerous questions surrounding noise and traffic patterns.

7. Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints Summary

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisory, gave an overview of her job responsibilities, including aircraft operations. She explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise and Operation System ([MACNOMS](#)) tool. **Ms. Lewis** explained that more detail about complaints and operations is available at www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports.

Ms. Lewis stated there were 3 noise complaints from 2 locations and 2 nighttime complaints from 1 nighttime household. **Ms. Lewis** responded to questions regarding the noise abatement at Airlake Airport. She also defined a nighttime operation.

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8. Aloft Aviation Update

Chair Bermel introduced Adam Forsberg from Aloft Aviation.

Mr. Forsberg updated the council on the construction process at their hangar. The presentation included numerous photos to show a timeline of the construction project. One of the photos included a Blackhawk helicopter for scale. Mr. Forsberg explained that the total footprint will be 100,000 square feet when completed. He also gave some measurements of a few of their hangar doors.

The building is fully enclosed at this point in the process. Mr. Forsberg gave a current list of what has been done and what is still needing to be done prior to opening. He answered some questions regarding aircraft parking once the construction is done.

9. ALAAC Member Comments and Announcements

Chair Bermel thanked all in attendance for participating and opened the discussion to the representatives.

Representative Forsberg offered more information regarding the diverted plane mentioned in the Airport Manager Update. It was a medical plane that was carrying lifesaving medicine. Most of the airports in the surrounding area were closed to all traffic, and this diverted plane was able to land at Airlake.

Ms. Lewis reminded council members that the terms of the representatives will end at the end of December 2022. An email will go out to members with further instructions.

10. Announce 2023 Meeting Dates/Times and Locations

Chair Bermel led a discussion regarding the date of the next meeting. It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at a location to be determined with the potential of representatives participating virtually. Other future dates are: June 8, September 14 and December 14, 2023.

Representative Wolbert suggested hosting a future meeting at the airport to allow non-users the ability to understand some of the topics discussed.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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