



Airlake Airport ADVISORY COMMISSION



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**METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Aloft Aviation

22100 Hamburg Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044

The meeting started at 4:04 p.m. In attendance in-person or by teleconference were:

Representatives: H. Bernatz, City of Farmington; J. Bermel, City of Lakeville; K. Chatfield, Dakota County; T. Fitzhenry, Airport User; A. Forsberg, Aloft Aviation; S. Guetter, Penguin Flight; K. Jech, Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce; P. Moynihan, Pilot; N. Sauber, Eureka Township; D. Wolbert, Pilot

MAC Staff: Y. Bizen, Commissioner, Metropolitan Airports Commission; R. Dockry, Airport Manager – Airlake Airport; J. Egan, Assistant Manager – Community Relations; J. Houglum, Field Maintenance, Airlake Airport; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; K. Verdeja, Recording Secretary

Other: S. Jestice, Aloft Aviation; J. Wright, RER Survey

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

John Bermel, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. There was a total of 18 participants. **Chair Bermel** reviewed the purpose and goals of the council.

2. Recognition of LVN Airfield Crew

Chair Bermel and Co-Chair Fitzhenry recognized two members of the airfield crew for their service. Jon Houglum and Mark Ryan received certificates of recognition that noted the following:

A medical flight carrying critical medication for a patient during a snow event was able to land safely at Airlake Airport due to your efforts to keep the airfield available for safe use despite the challenging weather.

The Airlake Airport Advisory Commission recognized their efforts to support the wellbeing and betterment of the Airlake Airport community.

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3. Agenda Discussion

Chair Bermel reviewed the agenda. There was no discussion.

4. Consent Items

Chair Bermel also opened a discussion regarding approving the minutes from the committee meeting on March 9, 2023. Representative Sauber suggested some grammatical modifications to the minutes.

**Representative Forsberg moved and Representative Moynihan seconded to:
Approve the Meeting from the March 9, 2023 meeting as modified.
The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

5. Public Comment

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

6. Airport Manager's Update

Rob Dockry, Manager – Airlake Airport, reviewed the operations for the Airlake Airport (LVN) in the first quarter of 2023. He stated there were 6,358 operations and 44 nighttime operations recorded for Airlake Airport. He also explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission FlightTracker System ([MACNOMS](#)) tool.

Mr. Dockry mentioned the number of aircraft operations at Airlake Airport in the first quarter of 2023 and compared it to the same time frame from 2022. He also reviewed the upcoming events at LVN, which included Pan-o-Prog on July 9 and the LVN Tenant and User Appreciation Picnic on June 12, and the Airlake Airport Aircraft Viewing Area Open House is being held on June 27, 2023

7. Noise Complaints Summary Q1 2023

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission Community Connection website which can be found at www.metroairports.org/community-connection.

Ms. Lewis stated there were no noise complaints during the quarter. **Ms. Lewis** explained that more detail about complaints and operations is available at www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports.

Ms. Lewis responded to questions regarding Blackhawk helicopter noise and if the airport is starting to get comments or complaints about them.

8. Member Comments

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

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Representative Moynihan shared that the Lions are having the Tuskegee Airman exhibit, “Rise Above” will be in downtown Lakeville, on Thursday and Friday, then moving to the airport on Sunday and Monday during the Pan-o-Prog Event.

Co-Chair Fitzhenry noted that this Saturday (June 17) the Civil Air Patrol (CAP)will be doing a simulated exercise regarding a downed aircraft. The CAP was recently asked to fly several missions searching for a missing person.

9. Announcements 2023 Meeting Dates/Times and Locations

Chair Bermel noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., with a location to be determined. The other future meeting date is December 14, 2023.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

The airport tour tookplace following the formal end of the Commission meeting. No minutes were captured during the tour. The group toured areas of Airlake Airport including the Civil Air Patrol hangar, gas pipeline, water run-off areas, maintenance facilities, new development areas and newly constructed Aloft south-facility.

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