



Airlake Airport ADVISORY COMMISSION



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MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Lakeville City Hall
20195 Holyoke Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044

The meeting started at 4:00 p.m. with 18 participants. A quorum of at least three User Representatives and three Public Representatives was established. In attendance were:

Representatives: J. Bermel, City of Lakeville; T. Fitzhenry, Airport User; A. Forsberg, Airport User (FBO); T. Goodroad, City of Lakeville; S. Guetter, Airport User; E. Laberee, Dakota County (via Teams); P. Moynihan, Airport User; D. Palmquist, Eureka Township (via Teams); D. Wolbert, Airport User

MAC Staff: R. Anderson, Manager - Community Relations; K. Fisher, Attorney; J. Lewis, Coordinator - Community Relations; S. Seafeldt, Airport Manager

Others: Allen Alwin; Jake Diener; Christopher Gardner, Bolton & Menk, on behalf of Metropolitan Council; Nick Modders (via Teams); Ryan Ziegler, Recording Secretary.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Co-Chair Bermel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and invited those present to introduce themselves.

2. Agenda Discussion

Co-Chair Bermel asked for comments and discussion on the agenda.

Co-Chair Fitzhenry motioned and Representative Goodroad seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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3. Consent Items

3a. Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2024

3b. Aircraft Noise Complaints & Operations Quarterly Report

Co-Chair Bermel opened a discussion regarding the consent items.

Representative Guetter motioned and **Representative Moynihan** seconded to approve the consent items.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

Co-Chair Bermel introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment. No comments were made.

5. Information Items

5a. Airport 101: Value of Airport in the Community

Ms. Lewis and **Mr. Seafeldt** presented regarding the community value of aviation, generally and at Airlake Airport specifically, focusing on Aviation Basics, Local Aviation Overview, the Anatomy of Airlake Airport, and Community Engagement.

The presentation included information regarding regulations, stakeholders, and economic impacts. The presenters reviewed a brief history of the airport and some of its current features and usage. They discussed benefits to the community from the airport, including transportation, education, services, jobs, and events.

5b. LVN CTAF Frequency Change Update

Mr. Seafeldt updated the Commission regarding the status of obtaining a frequency change. Approval to Frequency 122.975 was granted by the FCC and FAA in January. The selected frequency would be shared with New Richmond Regional Airport, which has requested reevaluation. The process is paused to allow for reconsideration and exploration of options.

5c. Lakeville Housing and Population Growth

Representative Goodroad reviewed Lakeville's economic development report, highlighting that the city's growth remains strong with a mixture of industrial, commercial, institutional, and residential development. She noted that Lakeville has room for continued development and remarked on continued work being done on the city's strategic plan with involved stakeholders.

Co-Chair Bermel noted appreciation for many of Lakeville's great features, including Airlake Airport.



5d. Airport Manager Update

Mr. Seafeldt updated the Commission on ongoing and upcoming projects, including complete renovation of the maintenance building office, a 60-day project set to begin in April. He noted the construction will delay the typical early tenant/user barbecue to October 6th. He also discussed the 225th Street paving project, which is in its initial stages. He noted that goals for the summer include continued coordination with the FAA on the environmental assessment and that the process is moving in a positive direction.

6. Member Announcements

Co-Chair Bermel called for member announcements.

Representative Moynihan announced that the Lakeville Lions fly-in Breakfast will be July 6th and is expected to be very similar to last year's event. He also mentioned that EAA is considering a fly-in Breakfast for possibly Mother's Day or Father's Day, but plans are still being discussed.

Representative Forsberg noted updates in aircraft and instrument course offerings at Aloft. He mentioned an incident where an aircraft had a flat tire and suggested Airlake look into acquiring an airplane skate.

Mr. Seafeldt indicated that he would look into that option.

7. Review 2025 Meeting Schedule: June 26, September 11, November 20

Co-Chair Bermel reviewed the meeting schedule. He inquired of MAC Staff regarding the location of the meetings.

Ms. Lewis clarified that the meetings would be held at Lakeville City Hall.

8. Adjourn

Co-Chair Bermel adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

