



**METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION
LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 22, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Baytown Township Hall
4020 McDonald Drive North
Stillwater, MN 55082

The meeting started at 3:04 p.m. In attendance were:

Representatives: J. Buelow, West Lakeland Township; P. Evenson, EAA Chapter 54; M. Gunderson, EAA Chapter 54; M. Hanson, City of Bayport; G. Kreisel, Washington County; M. McComber, City of Oak Park Heights; L. McGinn, City of Lake Elmo; L. Peterson, At-Large; R. Weyrauch, Baytown Township; D. Weiler, At-Large

MAC Staff: J. Harris, Director – Reliever Airports; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; J. Egan, Assistant Manager, Community Relations; P. Tiedeman, Airport Manager, Lake Elmo Airport; K. Verdeja, Administrative Specialist

Other: D. Elder, Washington, County; T. Gladhill, Stillwater; M. Liljegren, City of Oak Park Heights; C. Mueller, At. Large

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

1. Welcome and Introductions - Information

Luke Peterson, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. There was a total of 19 participants. He gave an overview of the objective of the commission. He introduced **Co-Chair McComber** who invited attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 2-27-2023

Chair McComber opened the discussion regarding approving the minutes from the February 27, 2023 commission meeting. There was no discussion.

**Representative Kriesel moved and Representative McGinn seconded to:
Approve the Minutes from the February 27, 2023 Meeting as presented.**

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Airport Manager Update

Philip Tiedemann, Manager – Lake Elmo Airport, reviewed the multiple construction projects at and around the airport. This included the Manning Avenue/County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 County Project and the 30th Street Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) project.

Mr. Tiedemann detailed Phase 4 of the airfield realignment. Currently, they are working from southeast to northwest. Runway 4/22 will be closed for 10 days. Paving will start with the test strip scheduled for today, 5/22. The old runway pavement removals are continuing, as new areas are completed, they will be opened up. Evaporators are slated to be operational on June 1. **Mr. Tiedemann** responded to numerous questions regarding the evaporators. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Wildlife surveys will determine if additional or revised actions are needed. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) advised that they are on track to have the new approaches active on October 5, 2023.

He updated the commission on discussions that took place with the Washington County Sheriff's Office regarding incidents or responses at the airport.

FAA Flight Check is scheduled to do a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) test on the runway 14-end on June 7th.

Mr. Tiedeman responded to a question regarding the possibility of adding an exit onto 40th. He noted that it could be a part of the long-term planning project. He also noted that Phase 4 should be completed by October 2023. Lastly, he mentioned that the wildlife survey could be done late this fall.

4. Airport User and Community Spotlights

Co-Chair Luke Peterson introduced an airport user, **Judd**. **Judd** is known for his local business (Tire Pros) and the Tire Pros vehicles are visible around town. He is a local Stillwater resident who grew up in town. **Judd** has had his private pilot license since 2019 and built a new hangar in 2021/2022.

Judd flies a Mooney M20K with an FAA-approved Rocket Engineering 305 modification to enhance speed. So far Judd's main use of the plane is for recreational purposes, visiting friends and family, and it's a real "time saver" that allows him to visit people and places his work schedule would otherwise not allow.

Representative Mueller offered to donate a radio and speaker for the Lake Elmo Viewing area. He mentioned seeing something similar at a different airport and really enjoyed watching and listening to the aircraft activity. **Mr. Tiedemann** acknowledged his offer and will be contacting him soon.

Co-Chair Luke Peterson explained that Lake Elmo Airport (21D) is situated between six communities in Washington County. Those communities: Bayport, Baytown Township, Lake

Elmo, Oak Park Heights, West Lakeland Township, and Stillwater are projected to grow 24% between 2020 and 2030 with most of that growth occurring in the City of Lake Elmo.

Chair Peterson introduced **Chair Mary McComber** who will highlight the City of Oak Park Heights.

Today's community spotlight is on the City of Oak Park Heights. An overview of the history of the city was given, including where it was first located, the new village, and the city incorporation. A detailed description of the city and its current mayor, council members, and community profile was given.

Chair McComber reviewed the community events including the annual Party in the Park hosted by the City Council. In 2020 Xcel Energy announced that the Allen S. King Plant. The City Council established a panel to explore and analyze ideas relating to how the plant site could be repurposed.

Chair McComber responded to numerous inquiries regarding the City of Oak Park Heights. For more information, please access the city's website at:

<https://www.cityofoakparkheights.com/>

Representative Hanson volunteered to do the next Community Spotlight for the City of Bayport. This meeting will be in August.

Representative McGinn volunteered to do the November Community Spotlight for the City of Lake Elmo.

5. **Aircraft Noise Overview:**

Aircraft Noise Basics

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, gave an overview of aircraft noise basics, including an overview of aviation, airport regulators, an overview of Lake Elmo Airport, the long-term planning and noise abatement efforts, and the airport and community resources. A new event was added to the list of Lake Elmo events. The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 54 will be hosting a public event on Saturday, August 12.

Ms. Lewis and Mr. Tiedemann responded to numerous questions regarding the runways and airport processes.

Ms. Lewis gave information about accessing MAC FlightTracker at www.macnoms.com.

Q1 2023 Complaints and Operations

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, reviewed the process by which complaints are taken at the Metropolitan Airports Commission regarding aircraft. She stated there were 694 noise complaints

from six locations and 15 nighttime complaints from five nighttime locations in the first quarter of 2023. There were 6,046 operations and 25 nighttime operations recorded for Lake Elmo Airport during the quarter.

Ms. Lewis explained that more detail about complaints and operations is available at www.metroairports.org/community-connection/aircraft-noise.

6. Public Tour Discussion

Philip Tiedemann, Manager – Lake Elmo Airport asked for members to consider which dates work for a tour in July and August, and who they would like to include in the tour. Members will be contacted in June. Tours may need to be on multiple days depending on how many participants are interested.

7. Public Comment

Co-Chair Peterson introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment. There were no public comments.

8. Member Comment

Co-Chair Peterson introduced the member comment period. There were no member comments.

9. Review LEAAC Meeting Schedule

Chair McComber led a discussion regarding the upcoming meetings for the calendar year. The next LEAAC Meeting will be held on August 28, 2023 at 3:00 pm at a location to be determined. The last meeting of the calendar year is scheduled for November 27, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.