



Airlake Airport ADVISORY COMMISSION



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**METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Lakeville City Hall
20195 Holyoke Avenue,
Lakeville, MN 55044

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

Representatives: J. Bermel, City of Lakeville; T. Fitzhenry, Pilot; A. Forsberg, FBO; K. Jech, Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce, P. Moynihan, Pilot; D. Olson, City of Lakeville; K. Porter, City of Farmington; D. Wolbert, Pilot;. The following attended virtually: N. Sauber, Eureka Township; E. Laberee, Dakota County; K. Chatfield, Dakota County;

MAC Staff: B. Peterson, Airport Manager, Airlake Airport; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; K. Verdeja, Recording Secretary. The following staff attending virtually: B. Juffer, Manager – Community Relations and M. Ross, Assistant Manager – Community Relations

Other: T. Goodroad, City of Lakeville; D. Ingles, Pilot

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tom Fitzhenry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. There was a total of 16 participants. **Chair Fitzhenry** reviewed the purpose and goals of the commission. **Chair Fitzhenry** asked attendees to introduce themselves. He also reviewed the agenda

2. Consent Items

Chair Fitzhenry led a discussion regarding the agenda. Chair Fitzhenry also opened a discussion regarding the approval of the minutes from the committee meeting on March 10, 2022. There was no discussion.

**Representative Wolbert moved and Representative Forsberg seconded to:
Approve the Meeting from the March 10, 2022 Meeting as presented.**

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Public Comment

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



4. Airport Developments Overview

Blaine Peterson, Airport Manager – Airlake Airport, explained the current state of affairs regarding airport development. **Mr. Peterson** commended John for the hard work of keeping our airport maintained. He mentioned Pan-o-Prog in July which will be discussed later in today's presentation.

Mr. Peterson responded to an inquiry from **Chair Fitzhenry** regarding the FAA release about grass landing areas. He also responded to a question from **Representative Wolbert** regarding the airport runway project and the cracking road on the south side of the airport.

Adam Forsberg, Aloft Aviation, gave an update on the construction of their hangar. He also explained the cost of fuel has driven up the current price at the airport. **Mr. Forsberg** responded to an inquiry about what parts of their business will stay in their current building and what business is expected to take place in the new building. **Mr. Forsberg** also responded to an inquiry about how the extended runway would affect their business.

5. Airport Manager's Update

Blaine Peterson, Airport Manager – Airlake Airport, gave a Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) update.

Representative Moynihan gave a brief background and apprised the attendees on the Reliever Airport Advisory Council (RAAC).

Mr. Peterson also discussed hangar inspections and lease renewals. **Mr. Peterson** clarified what items can be stored within a hangar at Airlake Airport. He also responded to a question about what happens when a hangar is not being used appropriately.

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, showed the MAC General Aviation video which can be found at [Our Airports | Metropolitan Airports Commission \(metroairports.org\)](https://www.metroairports.org)

Chair Fitzhenry explained a good way to enjoy some time at the Airlake Viewing area and listen to the pilots communicating by tuning in to the CTAF (Common Traffic Airport Frequency) specific to Airlake.

6. Airport/Community Connection

Chair Fitzhenry gave an overview of the airport/community connections.

Representative Moynihan explained there is an annual Fly-In breakfast at the airport. This event is being held this year on July 10 at the end of Pan-o-Prog.

Chair Fitzhenry also explained there is an EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) group that meets and a Young Eagles meeting at the airport too. There is also a Civil Air Patrol group at Airlake. He also mentioned where the viewing area is located.



Representative Porter asked how she could get more information to share with her community.

Fly-In [Events/Events \(panoprogram.org\)](https://panoprogram.org)

Young Eagles [Free Young Eagles® Flights \(eaa.org\)](https://www.young-eagles.org)

EAA [EAA Chapter 25 \(eaa25.org\)](https://www.eaa.org)

Mr. Peterson responded to an inquiry from **Representative Porter** about military flights and other types of military participation.

7. Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints Summary for Quarter 1 2022

Blaine Peterson, Airport Manager – Airlake, explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise and Operations Management System ([MACNOMS](https://www.macnoise.com)) updates and how the operations were tracked. **Mr. Peterson** stated there were 7,289 operations and 45 nighttime operations recorded for Airlake Airport during the quarter.

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, and **Mr. Peterson** responded to numerous questions regarding the methodology around operations.

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, stated there were 2 noise complaints from 1 location and 2 nighttime complaints from 1 nighttime locations. **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 the noise abatement plan at Airlake Airport. She also defined a nighttime operation.

8. Member Comments

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

Representative Wolbert asked for clarification surrounding the nighttime complaints.

Representative Porter thanked the staff for creating and showing the general aviation video.

9. Next Meeting Date

Chair Fitzhenry led a discussion regarding the date of the next meeting. It was decided the meeting would be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., at the Lakeville City Hall with a hybrid attendance option. A location for the December 8, 2022 meeting is still to be determined with the potential of representatives participating virtually.

Mr. Peterson thanked **Representative Olson** for his service to this council and to Airlake Airport.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

