



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

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Baytown Township Hall
4020 McDonald Drive North
Stillwater, MN 55082

The meeting started at 3:05 p.m. In attendance were:

Representatives: G. Kriesel, Washington County; M. Just, City of Lake Elmo; D. Kylo, West Lakeland Township; S. St. Ores, City of Bayport, L. Peterson, At-Large; R. Stoller, EAA Chapter 54; J. Thomas, At-Large; R. Weyrauch, Baytown Township; D. Selander, At-Large

MAC Staff: J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; M. Ross, Assistant Manager, Community Relations; P. Tiedeman, Airport Manager, Lake Elmo Airport; B. Latvala, Lake Elmo Airport; R. Skoog, MAC Commissioner.

Other: _____

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

1. Welcome and Introductions - Information

Dan Kylo, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. There was a total of 16 participants.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 5-25-2022

Co-Chair Kylo opened the discussion regarding the approval of the minutes from the committee meeting on May 25, 2022. There was no discussion.

**Representative St. Ores moved and Representative Kriesel seconded to:
Approve the Minutes from the May 25, 2022 Meeting as presented.**

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Airport Security - Information

Phil Tiedeman, Airport Manager, highlighted some recent security concerns and noted that the MAC is looking into possible solutions. **Co-Chair Kylo** noted an incident occurred that raised this concern. **Representative Thomas** asked if the MAC has some ideas of possible solutions and noted that tenants can also secure their hangars. **Thomas** noted that runway incursions with vehicles is another concern. **Mr. Tiedeman** noted that local police department

has been alerted for extra monitoring. **Commissioner Skoog** noted that Forest Lake airport has had recent incidents of vehicles on the runway. **Representative Stoller** asked if MAC's other general aviation airports have coded or locked gates. **Representative Selander** noted that lights on the service road would also be helpful. **Mr. Tiedman** noted that he will look into these and report back.

4. Airport User Spotlight - Information

Co-Chair Peterson highlighted two airport users. **Dale** owns and flies a Sky Ranger and is very active in the Young Eagles program. **Doug** is a retired Northwest Airlines 757 captain, flies and is passionate about the RV-series of amateur-build aircraft.

5. Q2 2022 Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints - Information

Jennifer Lewis, Technical Advisor, explained the Metropolitan Airports Commission Noise and Operation System (MACNOMS) updates and how the operations were tracked. **Ms. Lewis** stated there were 15 noise complaints from 5 locations and 11 nighttime complaints from 2 nighttime locations. There were 8,599 operations and 189 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. She also gave information about accessing MAC FlightTracker at www.macnoms.com.

Ms. Lewis defined the airport acronyms shown on one of the noise slides. She also responded to inquiries about resolutions to noise complaints. **Commissioner Skoog** noted the small (2%) of operations that occur at night compared to 75% of complaints that occur at night. **Representative Selander** noted he would be curious how / if complaints change now that the runway is open (power settings with longer runway plus location). **Ms. Lewis** noted that pilots need to practice later in the summer in order to practice during dark hours. **Representative Weyrauch** asked how the MAC differentiates non 21D aircraft operations (i.e. Washington County Fair helicopter rides). **Ms. Lewis** noted that the complaint is logged but is not tagged to a 21D operation. **Representative Weyrauch** requested that the MAC provide a slide on the Washington County Fair activity at the next meeting. **Representative St. Ores** asked if complaints are still complaining from primarily the same locations (other than the one new household). **Co-Chair Peterson** requested the schedule for discussing noise abatement procedures for the new runway. **Representative Sellander** noted that FAA noted that procedures should be in place by June of next year.

6. Runway Opening & Use Expectations Discussion - Information

Phil Tiedman, Airport Manager, new runway opened on July 20, 2022. Pilot feedback has been great so far – pilots appreciate the improved surface, lighting and markings, and the increased length. Ribbon cutting event occurred on August 17, 2022. More construction to come – finish grading work in stormwater basins, converting old runway to taxiway, finish connections between new and old runway. Future work will include reconstructing old runway and crosswind runway 4/22.

FAA is working to develop approach to new runway. Expect some confusion from non-based pilots. Minneapolis TRACON controller and pilot coordination and outreach is ongoing. A

short video was played: <https://vimeo.com/740480634/3f7072f517>. **Representative Weyrauch** noted that there are some challenges to the environmental study related to the evaporators. The MAC will address any issues as needed.

7. Recognition of Brad Latvala - Information

Philip Tiedman, Airport Manager, noted that Brad Latvala has been at the MAC for 26 years, 14 with Lake Elmo. Kudos and thanks to Brad for all he does. **Mr. Latvala** noted his appreciation for the recognition.

8. Public Comment

Co-Chair Kylo introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment.

9. Member Comment - Information

Co-Chair Peterson commented on other flight tracker apps that are available and **Representative Stoller** provided handouts. **Commissioner Skoog** noted that Lake Elmo and its tenants are doing a pretty good job of managing operations and noise and that the new runway could make a big difference while really improving safety.

10. LEAAC Meeting Schedule - Information

Co-Chair Kylo led a discussion regarding the date of the next meeting.

The next LEAAC Meeting will be held on November 28, 2022, at 3:00 pm at the same location.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.