

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AIRPORTS COMMISSION MEETING  
March 28, 2013**

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Airports Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman, Larry Asmus. Meeting location: Twentynine Palms Airport, 78569 Twentynine Palms Hwy., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.

**Commission Members Present:**

Larry Asmus, Chair  
Ray Marquez, Vice Chair  
Jim Bagley  
Bob Cable  
Roy C. Cox  
William Smith  
Mark Taylor

**Commission Members Absent:****Staff Present:**

Terry L. Stover, Assistant Director of Airports	Department of Airports
Denay Plasch, Secretary I	Department of Airports
James Beck, Airport Maintenance Worker I	Department of Airports
Patrick Maroney, Airport Maintenance Worker I	Department of Airports

**Visitors Present:**

Joe Matoush  
David Bailey

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Chair Asmus.

**Report on Posting of Agenda:**

Terry L. Stover, Assistant Director of Airports, stated the agenda was posted in accordance with requirements.

**Awards, Guest Introductions and Announcements:**

None.

**Action Item - Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2013:**

Commissioner Taylor moved (seconded by Commissioner Smith) to approve the Commission Minutes of February 28, 2013.

**Commissioners Reports/Comments:**

Vice Chair Marquez stated that he has been elected to the Chino Hills City Council and will continue to serve on the Airport Commission. The Commissioners offered their congratulations.

Commissioner Bagley thanked everyone for coming out to Twentynine Palms. Commissioner Bagley referred to a map showing a proposed Twentynine Palms Marine Corp Base air space reconfiguration that expands the restricted area and Military operations area. Commissioner Bagley provided a briefing on the issue. Vice Chair Marquez requested that the topic be agendized as it progresses.

Commissioner Cox stated that he does not have a further update to provide regarding the situation at the Rialto Airport but the “word on the street” is its 18 months until closure.

Chair Asmus thanked the Commissioners for electing him to Chairman of the Airport

Commission.

Commissioner Taylor inquired regarding rocky asphalt poured between hangar rows B and C at Midfield Aviation at the Apple Valley Airport (APV). Mr. Stover responded that the asphalt is only temporary until the permanent asphalt is laid down.

Commissioner Cable apologized for missing the previous Commission Meeting. In response to questions regarding the future of his Airport Commission appointment, he stated that one of the reasons he joined the Airport Commission was to promote airports in general and has no other intentions but for airports to band together for support of aviation. Vice Chair Marquez responded that the Airport Commission was in agreement about supporting Commissioner Cable to continue on the Commission. Mr. Stover added that Commissioner Cable has the support of the Department of Airports (DofA) as well.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Director's Reports:**

Mr. Stover stated that Director of Airports, James E. Jenkins was not in attendance due to a meeting with the Water Board regarding the Chino Airport (CNO) plume.

Mr. Stover briefed on the current fuel situation at the Twentynine Palms Airport (TNP) and described issues the DofA is having with processing credit card transactions. Mr. Stover added that the DofA is working on these issues and the anticipated date for fuel operation is April 8, 2013. Commissioner Asmus asked what fuel price would need to be charged at TNP to make fuel sales profitable. Mr. Stover responded the price per gallon to cover costs would likely be \$8.00 - \$10.00. Discussion ensued regarding ideas to accomplish processing of credit card transactions for fuel at TNP and the importance of having fuel at TNP.

Joe Matoush stated that there have been numerous pilots that have landed at TNP in need of fuel. He went on to describe examples of such. Commissioner Cable suggested Mr. Matoush document such instances as proof of a safety risk and offered to present the information to the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Asmus inquired about the liability issue to the County in the event of an aircraft fuel exhaustion crash. Mr. Stover responded that NOTAM's are posted and he does not believe there is a mandate that fuel must be provided at TNP. Commissioner Cox added that it is the pilot's responsibility to check the NOTAM's prior to heading toward TNP. Discussion ensued regarding fuel prices in the surrounding area.

David Bailey commented that a United Postal Service worker stops at TNP daily for lunch and has reported people having difficulties three times per week due to the absence of fuel. He added that the United Postal Service worker also recounted actually seeing people take fuel from aircraft. Chair Asmus commented that the problems with fuel availability and fuel theft appear to be very closely related. Commissioner Bagley responded that he had issues with fuel theft even when fuel was available.

**Capital Improvement Program:**

Mr. Stover stated that the Barstow-Daggett Airport (DAG) Phase II Lighting Project has been completed and is being scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors for a final close out.

Mr. Stover stated that the APV Fuel Facility project is about 57% complete. Mr. Stover briefed on the next phases of the fuel facilities construction.

Mr. Stover stated that lead and asbestos surveys have been done at the DAG housing, which is now closed, and a report is expected in the following weeks for the over 800 samples taken. Mr. Stover added that a similar survey is being done on the house at the Needles Airport (EED). Mr. Stover briefed on plans for the upcoming housing demolition at DAG.

**Board of Supervisors Activity:**

Mr. Stover referred to tab one of the packets and briefed on the conveyance of easement to the Chino Basin Desalter Authority.

**Real Estate**

Mr. Stover briefed on a conversation he recently had with the Café Manager for Wild Willie's Smokehouse at APV and stated it is the intention of the principal party to close the Café. Mr. Stover described efforts by the DofA to keep the Café open for business. Discussion ensued regarding the possible Café closure.

**Finance**

Mr. Stover referred to the finance report that was distributed to the Airport Commissioners. Mr. Stover briefed on the finance report and stated that the DofA is at 74% of expenditures and revenues for the fiscal year. Discussion ensued.

**Monthly Reports and Miscellaneous – Chino Airport Operations**

Mr. Stover referred to his monthly report and photos of a recent sling load operation performed at DAG located under tab two of the packets. Mr. Stover briefed on an upcoming Rapid Ground Refueling operation at DAG on May 6, 2013 by the Marine Corp.

Commissioner Taylor stated that he spoke with Supervisor Lovingood regarding the DAG ribbon cutting on June 27, 2013 for the completed taxiway and lighting project and Supervisor Lovingood confirmed he will be present or have someone attend in his place.

Chair Asmus stated the CNO Operations graph was located under tab three of the packets. There were no questions or comments regarding the graph.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if the CNO tower was in danger due to the Federal Sequester. Mr. Stover responded that the tower is not currently in danger because it is FAA staffed and not a "contract tower". Mr. Stover stated that due to the Federal Sequester the Chino Air Show, which is held on the first weekend of May, will not have a Military presence.

**Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chino Airport, 7000 Merrill Avenue, Chino, CA 91710.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Cox moved (seconded by Commissioner Taylor) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned by Chair Asmus at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Larry Asmus, Chairman  
Airports Commission

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Terry L. Stover, Assistant Director  
Department of Airports

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Denay Plasch, Secretary I  
Department of Airports

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