



## **AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2016**

1. Airport Advisory Committee Present – Dayle Harris, Brian Prange, Scott Perry, Judy Newman, Anne Medenbach, Gennaro Avolio, John Benton, Ken Musser, Jim Stuart and Fred Kowell.
2. Approved Minutes from August 31, 2016 meeting, Judy Newman 1<sup>st</sup> and Scott Perry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved by everyone.
3. Dayle Harris called to order AAC meeting. Fred Kowell handed out an updated AAC membership and term limits for current members.
4. Anne Medenbach discussed meeting with FAA regarding North Ramp development and the environmental assessment schedule that will push back north ramp development for another 12-18 months. Anne discussed alternatives related to the south ramp development that was restricted currently due to runway classification. Most of this related to the distance from the runway centerline to the height of the building structure contemplated on the south ramp. To allow for development to occur on the south ramp the airport will need to be reclassified as a "utility" runway which will move it to a category that mostly has under 12,500 lb. aircraft landing and taking off. AAC approved the reclassification and for Port staff to work with the FAA in reclassifying this new designation. Port staff discussed the changes to the master plan regarding development and the extent of the environmental assessment.
5. Brian Prange discussed the FBO changes regarding future development, training, and fuel truck availability. TacAero brought on another fuel truck during the Fly-In which helped in refueling aircraft. FBO will be purchasing a newer fuel truck which will replace its older one.
6. Judy Newman that the Fly-In was a success attracting 531 aircraft this year. This was over a 25% increase from last year. WAAAM has turned the corner financially and is becoming a growing attraction for the community.
7. Glider operations is looking up but the glider group is requesting to use glider pods to store the gliders over the winter. AAC approved the use of glider pods but only temporarily until a permanent alternative can be developed.
8. Everyone wanted to thank the Port for getting the airport in shape for the Fly-In and special congratulations to Jay Cruz for all his hard work. Maintenance will need to get ahead of the spring season with aerating and dragging. Jay needs to get a radio for be able to understand the airport environment better.

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9. Jim Stewart and Ken Musser were added to the AAC as William Veatch and Scott Gifford have exited. Jeremy Young of the FBO will designate either himself or Brian Prange to be their representative.
10. Meeting adjourned 1530 hours. Next meeting at WAAAM, January 26, 2017, at 2-330pm.