

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
23 February 2015 Minutes**



I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. LaValle called the meeting to order at 1803. A quorum was present with Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Olmeda, Mr. LaValle, and Mr. Willard. Mr. Adair was an excused absence. Mr. Whipple, St Mary's County Staff Advisor, was present.

Public present: Mr. Bildman, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Klapka, Mr. Reed, Mr. Lightstone, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Tuamey Mr. Roderick and Mr. Hill.

II. January draft Minutes- Approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Draft 2014 Annual Report process and update – Edits to the report were collected and discussed
- Airport Rules and Minimum Standards – with the County Attorney's Office. Check on release date.
- Meeting schedule – 23 March, 27 April, 22 June, 22 July, August, summer recess, 21 September, 26 October, 7 December
- Airport Inspection – Set for 30 May starting at 0900

IV. Public Comments

- Roderick: State budget cuts affecting 3rd Higher Education Center building for University of Maryland Unmanned Vehicle Research Center is at financial risk. A hangar to support University of Maryland work has been funded and is part of the ongoing construction at the airport.

V. Department of Public Works & Transportation Report

- A revised water and retaining wall plan has been developed with METCOM which could cuts costs associated with this part of the Airport Road relocation by up to 50%.
- Snow removal comments were requested. Snow removal was prompt. Snow banks left on the sides of the runway and taxiways pose a problem for operation of low wing aircraft. Consider use of a snow blower for clearing 75' wide runways and taxiways.
- County Development Review Updates
 - Possible communications tower on METCOM land was deemed the only potential development item affecting airport operations.

VI. FBO and Leaseholder Report

- Airfield Operations Report/Updates
 - Part 141 school considering moving all or part of their operations from Lee Field (Annapolis) to 2W6 to support Andrews AFB and NAS Patuxent River VA student flight training.

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- New Hangar Project update (T-hanger construction)
 - Weather impacting construction schedule.
 - First new hangar has been constructed.

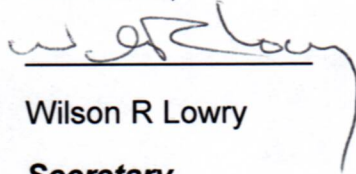
VII. New Business

- Briefing requested at the March meeting from the Unmanned Vehicle effort at the airport (Matt Scassero) regarding their plans for airport activities in light of FAA UAV guidance and University of Maryland efforts.
- Pursue discussions with Patuxent River Air Operations about increased fly-overs of the airport by USN aircraft and ensure that airport civil operations are covered in Patuxent course rules training.

VIII. Next Meeting - Next regular meeting scheduled for 23 March 2015 at 6:00 pm; Walter F Duke Terminal Building conference room.

IX. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 1943.

Submitted,



Wilson R Lowry

Secretary

Approved,



Jacque La Valle

Chairman