

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport  
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting  
27 February 2017 Minutes**



- I. CALL TO ORDER - Erik Anderson called the meeting to order at 1800. Also present were Ted Klapka, Terry Adair, Kaz Olmeda, Bob Pearce, Brian Schroeder, Eric Pratson, and Lou Giordano. Hall Willard and Bryan Barthelme were excused. Gary Whipple (interim Airport Manager) and Bob Carlson (Staff Advisor) were in attendance from St. Mary's County Department of Public Works and Transportation. Eight members of the airport community and public attended.
- II. MINUTES - The January draft minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New committee member Lou Giordano introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of his background and interest in the airport.

The committee reviewed the 1 February draft of the 2016 Annual Report to the Commissioners. The draft, with one minor grammatical amendment, was unanimously approved by the Committee for formal submission.

The January committee meeting formed a subcommittee which held a public working session to review the County's Draft Rules on 17 February. Since it is the County's intention to convert the new Rules to a formal County Ordinance, the Working Group felt it would be more appropriate to divide the document into an Ordinance section (which could only be changed by the County Commissioners via a formal legislative process), and a Rules section (which would contain much of the Standard Operating Procedures, that could be changed by the Airport Manager when warranted). The parsed documents are being provided to Gary Whipple so that they can be posted on the Airport Community website for airport community comment.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were positive comments from the public about the renovations in the County Hangar performed by Piedmont Aviation.

V. DPW&T REPORT

Gary Whipple reiterated that the current year Airport Improvement Plan grant application will include funding for easement acquisition and construction funding for Lawrence Hayden Road relocation. It is anticipated that Lawrence Hayden Road will be relocated in 2018 to accommodate the lengthened runway, and the Runway and Taxiway extension should take place in 2019. The County is exploring improvement of the Grass Area between the taxiway and Runway in order to have a Grass Runway

**St. Mary's County Regional Airport  
Airport Advisory Committee Meeting  
27 February 2017 Minutes**



near the threshold of Runway 11 to support Glider operations and Tailwheel aircraft crosswind operations as part of the Runway improvement project.

Nothing significant to report for Feb 2017 development review cycle.

The County is endeavoring to facilitate extension of the infrastructure so that airport tenants have high speed internet connectivity.

Maryland Aviation Administration sent contractors to survey 2W6 airport for potential ADS-B ground based extension. This would permit 2W6 aircraft to receive ADS-B broadcasts while on deck at 2W6 (vice at 800 ft AGL today).

**VI. FBO & LEASEHOLDER REPORTS**

Demand for Hangars continues and the developers are investigating the construction of an additional hangar between the UMD UAS hangar and the new Technology Incubator facility.

It was noted that many are obtaining their FAA Commercial UAV license and under Part 107 can legally operate a UAV within the 2W6 environs. Commercial UAV under Part 107 have to operate under 400 ft AGL and Clear of Aircraft.

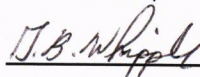
**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion of potential for Class II Instrument Approach to support increased airport operations on lengthened runway. Potential for Surface Class E airspace should we get the lower minima approach should be weighed against loss of Class G airspace.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING** –The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3-27-2017 at 6:00 PM.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**- The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_

for Ted Klapka

**Secretary**

Approved,

  
\_\_\_\_\_

Erik Anderson

**Chairman**