Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee
Minutes of April 13, 2016 Meeting

Meeting called to order by WAAC Chair, Kurt Yeager at 1612.

Attendees: Marjorie Bachmann (99’s), Dan Bloecher (Airport FBO), Dan Chauvet (WPA), John Randolph (Business Community), Kurt Yeager (County Resident) and Rayvon Williams (Airport Manager). Guests: Sarah Chauvet. Absent: Joe Shelton (City Resident) and Gryphon MacArthur (EAA).

MOTION ACCEPTING MINUTES OF January13, 2016 meeting: so moved and approved.

Proposed Discussion topics

(1)  Mead & Hunt update: John Randolph reported good progress is being made but there is still more work to be done regarding the Land Use Compatibility Plan.

(2)  FAA update: Airport Manager noted there is no FAA update relative to alleged diversion of funds at this time.

Airport Manager’s Updates

(1)  Obstructions to runway approach surfaces: Airport has identified 20:1 obstructions and continues to refine the process of informing residents and soliciting bids for biologist, arborist and tree service to begin mitigation.

(2)  2013-2015 Aircraft operations: Airport Manager presented a summary of the three year report. John Randolph noted if the results of the study lead to the airport experiencing any degradation in operations that the report would be further scrutinized. Airport Manager noted he had no issue with such further review and interested this believes the study is accurate and factual.

(3)  United Flight Services construction: Airport Manager reports construction continues to progress without concern for completion by September 2016.

(4)  Proposed 101 Aviation Way construction: Airport Manager reports early development planning and permitting process continues. FAA has provided non-aeronautical use and Environmental “Categorical Exemption” (CatEx) approvals.

(5)  Mid-Year Airport Finance update: Airport Manager reports Municipal Airport is projected to finish 2015-2016 in the black operationally. The Year ending 2016 cash balance will be reduced to a negative $4.1mm.

(6)  Wheels @ Watsonville Car Show is scheduled for April 23. There was some discussion reading the impact on airport operations. Airport manager confirmed the event will not impact the daily aeronautical activity of the Municipal Airport.

(7)  WARP PAC dinner scheduled for April 30, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT - at 17:15

Next Meeting July 13, 2016