



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Airport Commission - Noise Abatement Subcommittee

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

5:30 PM

Robert B. Skuldt Conference Room
at the Airport

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A. Call To Order

Chair Rusk called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Present 4 - Supervisor DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, Chair PAUL RUSK, WILLIAM HAIGHT, and WILLIAM F. WHITE

Airport Commission Members Present: Chair Probasco

Airport Staff Present: Livingston; Jensen; Wright; Butcher; Skok (intern)

Technical Advisory Group Members: Chuck Howard, FAA - MSN ATCT; and Col. Steve Kensick, 115 FW

Guests Present: Members of the Public: Rick Marolt; Shelly Riemer; Melanie Foxcroft; Mark Schoendorff; and Jeff Lanphear

B. Introductions

Chair Rusk introduced subcommittee members, staff and technical advisory group members.

C. Review of April 23, 2015 Noise Abatement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

1. [2015 MIN-072](#) Noise Abatement Subcomm. Minutes April 23, 2015

Attachments: [April 23, 2015 Noise Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by O'LOUGHLIN, seconded by WHITE, that the Minutes be reviewed and approved. The motion carried by a voice vote. (4-0)

D. Communications of Staff Including Any Items From Last Meeting

1. *Airfield Construction Updates*

None.

E. Review of Noise Abatement Procedures

Noise Abatement Officer, Wright, briefed the subcommittee and presented a review of noise abatement procedures. MSN ATCT Manager, Mr. Howard, also reported on ability to conduct converging flow aircraft operations to reduce operations south of the airport.

F. Review of Noise Complaint Activity

[2015](#) REVIEW OF NOISE COMPLAINT ACTIVITY
[PRES-082](#)

Attachments: [2015 PRES-0822015-10NAS](#)

1. Commercial

2. Military

Noise Abatement Officer, Wright, briefed the subcommittee on complaint activity. For the previous 6 months, there were 141 complaints from 57 households. Complaints by aircraft type included: Military - 76; Military Helicopter - 2; Airlines - 41; unknown - 5; General Aviation - 15; and Cargo-2. The number of aircraft operations was down 3% from the same 6 month period last year.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

H. Review of Noise Audit Results

Noise Abatement Officer, Wright, briefed the subcommittee on the noise audit results. During the last 6 months, there were 16,802 aircraft operations documented and reviewed by Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA). Wind direction and runway maintenance were significant factors with aircraft arrivals and departures. There were 2, 117 operations observed when aircraft arrived and departed to the north, when noise abatement procedures were implemented.

I. Discussion of Noise Related Concerns and Audience Questions

[2015](#) AIRPORT NOISE SUBCOMMITTEE REGISTRATON
[RPT-581](#)

Attachments: [2015 RPT-581REGISTRANTNOISEABATEOCT2015](#)

Guest Rick Marolt, from the Bay Creek Neighborhood, had concerns with small General Aviation (GA) aircraft and civilian helicopters flying low over the area during the past few months.

Air Traffic Manager, Chuck Howard, explained the increased traffic may have been from temporary aircraft flight pattern changes due to the closure of the Airport's main runway for maintenance and construction and resulting increased usage of runway 3/21.

Subcommittee member, O'Loughlin, suggested the increased traffic could have been a result of the Experimental Aircraft Association's Annual "Airventure" convention in Oshkosh.

Guest, Jeff Lanphear, expressed concerns over military aircraft flying over the Portage Road area, in addition to GA aircraft pattern training activities. Col. Kensick responded, explaining the Air National Guard unit strives to utilize the Airport's noise abatement procedures whenever possible accepting up to a 10 knot tailwind, but air traffic flow and safety may preclude aircraft operations at times.

Subcommittee member, Haight suggested Airport staff to contact GA aircraft instructor pilots with regard to engine noise during air traffic pattern operations.

Guest, Shelly Riemer, from Monona, has noticed an increase in low flying airlines, recently. Increase in activity may be from the Airport's main runway re-opening after being closed during the summer. Air Traffic Manager, Howard, explained that aircraft lined up to land on Runway 36 will fly over the Monona area.

Guest, Melanie Foxcroft, from the SASY Neighborhood, recently noted the increase in complaints from the neighborhood.

Consensus of staff and subcommittee members was the re-opening of the Airport's main Runway 18/36 after being closed over the summer for construction and maintenance.

Guest, Mark Schoendorff, the the Bay Creek area, noted the runway closure over the summer was not noted on the Airport's website. He was also concerned with small GA Aircraft flying low, overhead the neighborhood.

The Airport website will be updated with future/scheduled runway construction information. Air Traffic Manager, Howard will review FAA radar tapes with the date/time information provided by Mr. Schoendorff to provide altitude information of the aircraft in question to Noise Abatement Officer, Lowell Wright, who will in turn contact Mr. Schoendorff.

J. Old Business

None.

K. New Business

None.

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, carried. Chair Rusk Adjourned the meeting at 6:30PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dave Jensen and Lowell Wright on behalf of Chair Rusk.

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