



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Airport Commission - Noise Abatement Subcommittee

Monday, May 9, 2016

5:30 PM

Robert B. Skuldt Conference Room at the Airport

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A. Call To Order

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

Chair Rusk called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Airport Commission Members Present: Chair Probasco

Airport Staff Present: Livingston; Jensen; Wright; Stephens

Technical Advisory Group Members: Kathy Asselborn, FAA - MSN ATCT, Manager; and Lt. Col., Matt Peltier, 115 FW

Members of the Public: Blair McMillan, Fared Guyot, Mark Schoendorff and Jeff Davis

B. Introductions

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

C. Review of October 28, 2015 Noise Abatement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

1. [2015 MIN-457](#) Noise Abatement Minutes - October 28, 2015

Attachments: [2015 MIN-457 October 28, 2015 Noise Minutes II](#)

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

Deputy Airport Director, Jensen, briefed the subcommittee on the Taxiway Bravo Reconfiguration Project necessitating alternate closures of Runways 18/36 and 3/21 and the South Ramp T-Hangar Re-Paving Project.

E. Review of Noise Abatement Procedures

Noise Abatement Officer, Wright, briefed the subcommittee and presented a review of noise abatement procedures.

F. Review of Noise Complaint Activity

[2016](#) REVIEW OF NOISE COMPLAINT ACTIVITY
[PRES-021](#)

Attachments: [2016 PRES-021](#) [2016-04NAS](#)

1. Commercial
2. Military

Wright briefed the subcommittee on complaint activity. For the previous 6 months, there were 161 complaints from 34 households. Complaints by aircraft type included: Military, 54%; Military Helicopter, 1%; Airlines, 33%; Unknown, 1%, General Aviation, 11%; and Cargo, 0%. The number of aircraft operations was up 5% 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

Wright briefed the subcommittee on the noise audit results. During the last 6 months, there were 5633 aircraft operations recorded by the Airport's Passur Flight Monitoring System. Wind direction and runway maintenance were significant factors with aircraft arrivals and departures.

I. Discussion of Noise Related Concerns and Audience Questions

Sub-Committee member, Bill White, asked if the 1 person with 44 complaints receives follow-ups from the Airport for each complaint. Noise Abatement Officer, Lowell Wright, responded that he follows up with each complaint either by phone, e-mail or written correspondence.

Guest, Mark Schoendorff, asked if an "Aircraft Usage by Runway" graph could be produced. FAA, Air Traffic Manager, Kathy Asselborn will check if the data is available from Air Traffic Control resources.

Guest, Blair McMillan, asked if it was necessary for the F-16 Aircraft to utilize the afterburner on the take-off every time. Lt. Col. Peltier stated that the after burners are used only when the aircraft's configuration and weight require it. Additionally, pilots are required, by procedure, to shut down the after burner when the aircraft reaches a speed of 300 knots or reaches the confines of the airfield, which ever comes first.

Guest, Mark Schoendorff, asked if the airport would do anything differently if there were more noise complaints. Noise Abatement Subcommittee Chair, Paul Rusk, indicated the Airport would increase education efforts to the public and to pilots to be aware of noise sensitive areas. The Airport has placed additional signage reminding pilots of the noise abatement procedures.

Discussion followed regarding the information available on the Airport website and difficulty navigating to noise related information.

Airport Commission Chair, Sally Probasco, and Rusk, indicated they plan to follow-up with Dane County's IT Department and the Airport's Public Information Director to improve access to noise related data.

Guest, Blair McMillan, asked if the Airport is being "cheap" on the noise abatement related efforts.

Airport Director, Livingston, indicated that our Airport rates above-average regarding its noise abatement effort.

Director of Operations and Public Safety, Mike Stephens reported it is very unusual for airports of our size to have a dedicated Noise Abatement Officer such as Dane County provides. Sub-Committee member, Bill White added that this is in addition to the public interplay opportunities the Airport provides.

J. Old Business

There is no old business.

K. New Business

There is no new business.

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor O'LOUGHLIN, seconded by Cmsnr. HAIGHT.

Motion Carried by a voice vote. Chair Rusk adjourned the meeting at 6:37PM.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Deputy Airport Director Jensen and Noise
Abatement Officer Wright on behalf of Chair Rusk.*

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