



## SANTA YNEZ VALLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY, INC.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 7, 2022– Zoom Meeting

**Directors Present:** McGowan, Kaslow, de Werd, Thomas, Krauch, Kendall, Porter

**Directors Absent:** Carrier, Cleland

**Assistant Manager:** Dave Romero present

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of March 2022 meeting approved unanimously on motion by Director Krauch and second by Director Thomas

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Krauch reported net income of \$22,000 vs average of \$13,500. 100LL sales were good at 4,100 gal and Jet A at 3,000 gal. Receivables are trending down. We did receive payment for rent from Forest Service but no reimbursable costs.

**President's report:** President de Werd reported that U.S. Forest Service Building truck bays will need to be replaced. Offices undamaged other than some smoke and water damage. That will be repaired in next two weeks. Three Forest Service trucks were destroyed. Upcoming negotiation on modified rent and temporary facilities.

**Assistant Manager's Report:** Fuel prices going up and margin is down but still in guidelines at \$.71 for 100LL. Comparable with other airports. Down to three employees including Dave. More interviewing to follow. Mid-field project on schedule. New lift for disabled aircraft is in. Consider moving mail box from highway to protect from theft. Some after hours activity with teenagers. Sheriff responded, no problems. Cameras at gate installed and activation pending. AWOS dial in number still wrong on Foreflight though request has been made to change it. Two instrument approaches had minimums increased without clear understanding as to why.

**Public comments (limited to items not on the agenda):** Mike Burchardi responded to letter received by Board from Bob Perry about supposed IFR departure without clearance. Burchardi took strong exception pointing out numerous errors in the report. All departure procedures were followed with clearance from Santa Barbara Approach on 125.4. Departure was announced on 122.8. Report writer apparently was monitoring the wrong frequency. He requested a correction to the letter. Co-pilot Nick Carver attested to all statements by pilot Mike Burchardi. President de Werd expressed that he was very disturbed by letter that was irresponsible and reprehensible.

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**Agenda Items: Action may be taken on any agenda item**

### **Old Business**

1. Safety Issues – Vehicle speed on entrance road is excessive.
2. Airport Days Budget and Planning – Director Krauch reported on progress in organizing event. 350 posters and 3,000 post cards to advertise event. Volunteer badges being printed. Banners being updated. Website updated. Twenty pilots agreed to static displays so far with more expected. CalStar will have helicopter and static display.
3. Residential Office Trailer Options – No update.
4. Remotes for Gate Access – Dave Romero reported that gate openers should be active in two weeks.

### **New Business**

1. Determination of status of In-Person Board Meetings – President de Werd noted the State requirement for a resolution each month to continue meeting via Zoom. We will continue with a Zoom meeting for the May board meeting. Resolution passed unanimously on motion by President de Werd and second by Director Krauch.
2. Authority Contribution to Pilot Training Scholarship – Director Krauch noted that \$6,500 had been received with \$6,000 from the Chumash Tribe and \$500 from the EAA. He requested that the Authority provide \$5,000 as a contribution plus an additional \$5,000 in matching contribution. President de Werd made a motion to increase the \$5,000 contribution to \$6,500 to match the to-date contributions plus an additional \$5,000 match against future contributions by others. His motion included conditions to provide absolute transparency as follows:

- Board approval of committee's recommendation for scholarship winner.
- Periodic updates to the Board.
- Student to pick their CFI.
- Flight instructor to have current medical with Basic Medical not qualifying.
- Aircraft to be current on annual, airworthy, and insured.

Committee Chair Bob Perry noted that he would not be a flight instructor for this program. Discussion ensued on value of scholarship and it was noted that this was a single year experiment and not a precedent for future years. Director Kaslow questioned whether funds should be raised by committee vs coming from Authority budget. It was noted that \$6,500 had been raised but that it will cost approximately \$18,000 to complete training of one individual to obtain a private pilot rating. Director McGowan amended the motion to provide Board approval or denial of recommendation of the committee. Motion was seconded by McGowan and passed unanimously.

### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Membership/Nominating Standing Committee - de Werd (chair), Ruth Kunkle, Jerry Long, Judine Victor, Allan Hammel – Membership Committee is meeting on Monday 3/28/2022

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Hangar Lease Committee – McGowan reported that hangar land lease was complete and had been provided to the County for approval. An informational meeting will be scheduled and the final version will be distributed to the membership. He suggested that the Board should receive the current version and discuss and approve at the next Board meeting. He noted that most input was received in writing from various hangar owners and very little input came from the zoom call. He discussed the significant changes since the last version related to Section 37 on what happens at end of lease. The existing lease and the new lease provide clear right of the Lessee to sign a new lease before the Authority can offer the lease to a third party. It was noted that all lease terms will be the same for everyone. Yves argued that the hangar could be taken by the Authority and used for another purpose that benefits the airport. McGowan made it clear that we would have to negotiate to buy the hangar from a willing seller and could not otherwise take the hangar. Bob Perry asked about the condition of hangar at end of lease if the Lessee does not want to keep the hangar. McGowan noted that the hangar must be maintained in good condition during the term of the lease.

### **Other Comments:**

Director Krauch asked about status of USFS lease after the fire. President de Werd reviewed the negotiation process and noted that the office portion would be available shortly. It is not clear that business interruption insurance is in place. Krauch noted that the Forest Service would need to terminate the lease if they want to stop making payments. More to follow...

**Adjournment:** President de Werd adjourned the meeting at 8:23

Respectfully Submitted by Bruce McGowan, Secretary