

# Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee

## Minutes of July 10, 2018 Meeting

Meeting called to order by WAAC Chair, Kurt Yeager at 1600.

**Attendees:** Ed Bogner (Non-Aviation Business), Jeremy Lezin (WPA), J. R. Warmkessel (substituting for Gryphon MacArthur, EAA), Laura Molher (Airport FBO), Joe Shelton (City Resident), Kurt Yeager (County Resident), and Rayvon Williams (Airport Manager). Absent: Marjorie Bachmann (99's),

### Discussion topics

**WAAC welcomes Jeremy Lezin as the newly appointed Watsonville Pilots Association (WPA) Representative.** Jeremy, a long time Watsonville pilot, has been appointed by the WPA to fill the recent vacancy of Sarah Chauvet. Airport Director reminds Jeremy the WAAC requires a formal letter from the WPA noting the change in representation.

Additionally the Airport Director noted a pending meeting between the newest members Laura Molher and Ed Bogner would now include Jeremy. Meeting is with the City manager which is effectively a "Welcome aboard" discussion. Date is TBD.

**Runway 9/27 Visibility Zone issue:** Airport Director provided an update regarding the Runway 9/27 Visibility issue. As of this date the Airport Director has submitted a "Modification of Standards" (MOS) request to the FAA's Airport's District office.

The [MOS](#) seeks a compromise between relocating the Threshold (effective shortening runway 9-27 by 773 feet) and deconstruction, relocating and reconstructing thirty (30) aviation Storage units. As of July 10<sup>th</sup> the MOS was completing District (Brisbane) review to be forwarded to Region (Los Angeles) and then on to headquarters (Washington, D.C.). Per the ADO contact we should expect a decision no later than October 1. Our requested compromised is attached for your review.

**Compromise.** If MOS is approved and compromise implemented VFR take-off would take effect (no IFR take-offs). This configuration assures the 3,998 feet landing distance which in itself provides a substantial safety benefit. This configuration would effectively shorten the take-off distance from 3,998 to 3,198 feet. For reference San Martin's (E16) runway is 3,095 feet and Marina's (KOAR) is 3,483 feet.

**Airport Manager Updates:** Airport is on track to bring a \$1.3 mm Runway repair/slurry seal and remark effort this fall. There was discussion regarding the thirty day construction period and the 7-to-10 day period of runway closure. Additionally the airport fully expects to install updated signage for the primary runway and parallel taxiway, plus new Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs approach to Rwy2).

### ADJOURNMENT - at 16:5

### Remaining 2018 Meeting Schedule

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

1600 at WAEC, 60 Aviation Way