

**Regular Meeting of the Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee
Watsonville Municipal Airport's Operations Center
70 Aviation Way, Watsonville, California
Minutes**

January 29, 2025

7:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Scott Randolph, Chairperson (EAA #119), Dave Guerrieri, Vice Chair (Representing on field Aviation Business Community), Glen Ceresa (Representing Airport Area County Residents), Theresa Byers (Representing Monterey Bay Ninety-Nines), Larry Lease (Non-Aviation Business Community), Mercedes Eulitt (Representing Airport Area City Residents), Thomas Dienwiebel (Representing Watsonville Pilot's Association)

Absent: Mercedes Eulitt (Representing Airport Area City Residents) *** City Manager, Tamara Vides arrived at 7:35pm

Staff members present: Airport Director, Rayvon Williams, Administrative Analyst, Alexandra Aguado

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Lead by Larry Lease

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Scott Williams- Introduced himself to the WAAC

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a Motion Approving Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024 – Initiated by Larry Lease, seconded by Theresa Byers.

5. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

5.a Director's Report

1. Q2 2024-2025 Financial Report

- Cash Balance as of November 30th, 2024 is \$669,103.81.

2. Crosswind Runway 9-27 Update

- The RFP will have options.
- The RFP is being drafted by the City Attorney.
- The City Council will determine who pays for the RFP once the RFP is completed.

3. Airport Economic Benefit Analysis

- The Airport Economic Benefit Analysis report will be out in the summer.

4. EKB Partners "The Hangar" Opportunity

- The process to assess the restaurant began in December 2022.
- What is being sold by EKB Partners is the net present value of a future stream of income.

WAAC Comments- What is the risk? The loan would be re-paid with the leasehold revenue.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS –

7.a Discuss a motion for recommendation to the City Manager

1. Discuss a motion for a recommendation to the City Manager to hire a management consultant to help develop a process that integrates the WAAC and city staff for maximum effective collaboration on the development of the Watsonville 2050 General Plan.

Tamara Vides-

- The 2050 General Plan is very important. The City Manager wants to ensure that they integrate the feedback of all stakeholders in order to allow for the best Watsonville 2050 General Plan. The airport is impactful on how the city can grow into the future. There is a group that is dedicated to tying the airport and the economic growth to the general plan. The contract for the Watsonville 2050 General Plan is with Sargent Town Planning and they have subcontractors for economic development, airport land use, stakeholder engagement, etc.
- There is significant pressure from the state on municipalities in terms of housing. Housing is the number one need and the city must comply. Watsonville is now compliant with the state in meeting housing numbers (provided that housing is developed).

Action Items:

- Rayvon Williams to send Justin Meek an email- Reissued Notice of Preparation: Watsonville 2025 General Plan EIR.
- Rayvon Williams to email a copy of the FAA letter to the WAAC after City Council review.

8. ADJOURNMENT – at 8:23 PM

The next Committee meeting will be held on April 30, 2025