

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frank Nocerino at 7:06 p.m. Also present were Republic Airport Commission Members Vincent Bologna, Jr., Robert Bodenmiller and Richard Grant. Stella Barbera and Joan Flaumenbaum were absent.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Nocerino announced that the Commission has contacted NYSDOT Commissioner, Joan McDonald. Commissioner McDonald will meet with him and Vice-Chairman, Vincent Bologna, Jr. along with the NYS Director of Finance, Mr. Ron Epstein. They will be discussing communications, the status of the restaurant property and Talon's FBO application. On another note, Senator Charles Fuschillo has retired and is now working with a Not-For-Profit organization. The former Senator was a great friend to the airport and he will be missed.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Due to the lack of a quorum the Commission was unable to adopt the minutes from the June 2013, August 2013, October 2013, December 2013 meetings.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes and/or adoption of the agenda were made.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013

The Operations and Noise Complaint Reports for November and December 2013 were discussed by Mr. John Arancio, Assistant Airport Manager. In the month of November, the FAA recorded 16,458 total operations, an increase of 186 from last year. The Airport Operations Department reported 3,751 landings. Touch and go operations for November were down from last year, a total of 936 operation were reported. Passenger count was higher this year. FEMA operations for Hurricane Sandy in 2012 reduced passenger counts. A total of 495 based aircraft were reported, which is the same from the previous month.

In December 2013, the FAA recorded 13,960 total operations, an increase of over 1500 from the previous year. The Airport Operations Department reported 2,448 landings, with an increase in single engine aircraft of 147. Touch and go's were lower in all categories, except helicopter operations. Passenger totals were 914, only slightly lower than the previous year. Based aircraft totals reported were 498. Mr. Geiger added that the Hurricane Sandy affected the overall totals from the previous year.

There were a total of 26 noise complaints registered in November. The increase in complaints was attributed to a single caller who registered 13 complaints. Jet aircraft attributed 19 complaints from the Northwest quadrant. Eleven complaints were attributed to departures on Runway 32. There were five noise complaints registered in December, an increase of four from the previous year. Four were attributed to transient aircraft and one unknown.

Mr. Geiger discussed the Financial Reports for the months of November and December 2013. Revenue was down in all categories due to fewer people flying. November expenses were higher for data processing due to a software update. Insurance was lower due to a property insurance payment in October instead of November. Professional services were lower than projected due to the lower security maintenance costs. Airport maintenance was lower due to an adequate supply of materials on hand and postponement of purchasing joint sealer.

In December, fuel flowage fees were higher. Licensing fees were lower

due to the Atlantic City Bus Charter no longer operating from the Main Terminal. Miscellaneous income was higher due to filming at the airport. December expenses were lower. Vehicle maintenance was lower since all vehicles are operating well and no parts were needed. Airport maintenance was lower due to an adequate supply of materials on hand. Professional services were lower than projected due to lower security maintenance costs. Overall, revenue is down except for miscellaneous income. We are saving all around but operating at a deficit.

2. RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

On December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day Dropping of the Roses Ceremony was held. It was well attended with either four survivors participating in the event.

On February 2, 2014 the Super Bowl was held in Met Life Stadium in New Jersey. Republic handled ten (10) visiting jets for the game. Reports are that every airport had low number of operations, we believe partly due to media hype of bad weather.

April 23rd is the Aircraft Owner and Operator Annual Meeting.

Jones Beach Air Show is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. The Blue Angels are scheduled to appear. We hope the weather will be better than last year.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

- Breslau Modernization and Redevelopment Update: SEQRA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA). The process is almost complete as we await approval.
- Vision Plan. The report is finished and was sent to Albany.
- Talon Air FBO Application: The application is still under review. No

approval has been issued. There are still some outstanding items to be addressed.

- Northeastern FBO Application: The application is being reviewed by NYSDOT.
- Request For Interest (RFI) for the former restaurant property was made public on the NYS DOT website. The site visit is in March and responses are due at the end of May. At that time, the Request For Proposals (RFP) will be put out for public response.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two (2) individuals commented.

Mr. Nocerino adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

**Michael Geiger on behalf of the Executive Secretary
Republic Airport Commission**

PUBLIC COMMENT
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Ms. Helen Norjen of the Woodland Civic Association read from a document she referred to as the "Transfer Legislation". She states that PILOT language is in the Transfer Legislation and the Commission would benefit from a copy of this document.

Ms. Norjen inquired if the Republic Airport Commission independently verifies adversarial conversations between the Commission and DOT. Ms. Norjen stated that she has not yet received a response from Mike Geiger to her October 29, 2013 letter. She hopes to receive one soon. Mr. Geiger concurred.

Ms. Norjen inquired as to the fuel flowage fees. Mr. Geiger responded "This fluctuates monthly."

Ms. Norjen stated that the number of jets increased which is totally against what the Vision Plan is about. A 24% increase. If a plan coming out with numbers not consistent with what was proposed in the plan. Please consider the erroneous information being released. The percentage has gone up too quickly.

Ms. Norjen stated she was happy to hear about the RFI for the restaurant property. She expressed hope that the Commission would look into the PILOT and the fact that jobs are greatly needed in the community.

Ms. Norjen inquired if the meeting minutes are published on the website. Commissioner Nocerino commented that they should be up there.

Mr. Robert Miller of the American Airpower Museum asked if the airport receives a fee from any video or film shoots done at the airport. Mr. Geiger responded that the airport receives fees from areas rented directly from NYSDOT. He further replied, the museum keeps the fees earned when they are contracted to use their space for filming purposes.

###