



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Airport Commission - Noise Abatement Subcommittee

Thursday, April 23, 2015

5:30 PM

Robert B. Skuldt Conference Room
at the Airport

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A. Call To Order

Present 2 - Chair PAUL RUSK, and WILLIAM HAIGHT

Excused 2 - Supervisor DENNIS O'LOUGHLIN, and WILLIAM F. WHITE

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

B. Introductions

Chair Rusk introduced subcommittee members and staff.

Staff Present: Livingston; Jensen; Butcher; Wright and Juffer

Technical Advisory Group members present: Col. Steve Kensick, 115 FW; J.M. Tomblin, ARNG; Chuck Howard, FAA/ATC

Guests present: Mary Jo Walters; Kirsten Houtman; Herman Bultmann and Sheila Bultmann

C. Review of Oct. 29, 2014 Noise Abatement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

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OCTOBER 29, 2014 NOISE ABATEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Attachments: [noiseabatementmin102914.pdf](#)

Minutes from the Oct. 29, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved. Passed 2-0.

Ayes: 2 - RUSK and HAIGHT

D. Communications of Staff Including Any Items From Last Meeting

1. Airfield Construction Updates - N/A

E. Review of Noise Abatement Procedures

Noise Abatement/Environmental Officer, Lowell Wright briefed the sub-committee on the Airport's Noise Abatement Procedures.

F. Review of Noise Complaint Activity

Noise Abatement/Environmental Officer, Lowell Wright presented a review of noise complaint activity for the preceding six month period. The Airport recorded 163 complaints from 15 households of which 144 complaints came from one household. Complaints by aircraft type were: 91.4% Air Carrier; 6.8% military; .6% military helicopter; .6% general aviation; and .6% unknown. Total aircraft operations were down 10.7% for the period.

[2015](#) 2015 PRES-015 REVIEW OF NOISE COMPLAINT ACTIVITY
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Attachments: [2015-04NAS.pdf](#)

G. Review Noise Audit Results

Noise Abatement/Environmental Officer, Lowell Wright briefed the subcommittee on the noise audit results. During the 6 month period, winds were recorded at 5 knots or higher 81.67% of the time and visibility was 5 statute miles or less. The Airport's Passur flight tracking system recorded 14,366 operations. Aircraft were observed departing to the north 37.89% of the time, arriving from the north 48.69% of the time, departing to the south 62.11% of the time and arriving from the south 51.31% of the time.

H. Discussion of Noise Related Concerns and Audience Questions

Registrant, Kirsten Houtman presented a statement with her concerns of living under the flight path to Runway 36 and more aircraft producing noise pollution. The noise disturbs her greatly. Kirsten asked if the Airport tracks the number of compliant aircraft operations. Lowell Wright will research and get back to her.

Registrant, Mary Jo Walters provided a statement indicating she is extremely furious with the military and that she hates war and will not thank them for their service. She also indicated that general aviation aircraft were flying all over the place and were people from Epic. She intends to work to dissolve the Noise Abatement Subcommittee of the Airport Commission and indicted plans to sue the county, city and federal government. She informed the committee that the military should move to Sparta.

Registrant, Herman Bultmann asked who makes the decision to take off in a certain direction, feeling there must be a financial incentive for airlines to take off to the south when flying to Chicago. FAA Air Traffic Manager, Chuck Howard responded that the ultimate decision rests with the pilot.

Registrant, Sheila Bultmann indicated that they live in the Atwood neighborhood and felt that aircraft appeared to be flying low and were extremely loud.

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[RPT-090](#)

Attachments: [2015 RPT-090 Airport Noise Sub. Cmsn RegistrationUPDATE.pdf](#)

I. Old Business - None

J. New Business - None

K. Adjournment

Chair Rusk adjourned the meeting at 6:20pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, Dave Jensen for Chair, Paul Rusk
DJ:cjl