

MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, May 4, 2023  
**Municipality of Anchorage, City Hall, 632 W 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 830**  
Anchorage, Alaska

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Stormy Jarvis, Chair  
Marty Edwards  
Keenan Zerkel  
David Frazier  
Michael Williams

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Philip Logan  
John Pratt

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Julie Hixenbaugh, Commission Secretary  
BreAnn Brandlen, Service Administrator

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

Commission Chair Stormy Jarvis called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.  
Quorum 5 of 7 members present.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No minutes approved

**3. INFORMATIONAL REPORT-**

**A. CHAIR**

Stormy reminded everyone of the duties of a MAAAC member.

1. Advise and make recommendations to the administration and assembly on all matters pertaining to the annual operating budget for municipal airports; and
2. Advise and make recommendations to the administration and assembly on all matters pertaining to operations of municipal airports, including rules, regulations, and administrative guidelines in force at municipal airports.

The airport manager, Rich Sewell will not be attending this meeting he is in an AAE class for the week.

Stormy brought up the noise complaint issues at MRI. The MAAAC board would like to see a process to identify and classify the aircraft noises when they are reported to the manager's office or to the Assembly members. They suggest posting the fly friendly initiative on the website in a conspicuous place, also a noise complaint button, to open up to a questionnaire for a standard noise complaint form. All noise complaints to the manager's office are handled by Rich, the airport manager. The quiet hours for MRI are published in the Alaska Chart Supplement. Stormy reported the last noise study done at Merrill was in 2014.

Dave Frazier a resident of Rogers Park, believes the occasional pilot goes out with too much pressure, maybe unintentionally. Educating the Merrill Field users to fly friendly might be a good start.

Mike Schoder suggested to use ATC LIVE to gain information on the tail numbers. There are noise abatement procedures at many airport in the lower 48 that are broadcast on ATIS, maybe this could work at MRI. He believes the new approaches that are being developed at MRI will help lower the noise. Flying Friendly education with MRI users should be an ongoing occurrence.

Stormy reported that Rich put in a request for a grant from the state to assist with the matching component to the AIPs. It is hung up in the house now, the grant has been sponsored by the city.

Stormy mentioned that Elmendorf has extended the North/South RNY. She would like someone that is attending those meetings on the new air space approaches give a presentation to the MAAAC. Marty suggested having Rich ask someone from JBER to attend the MAAAC meeting.

## **B. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

None

## **4. ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**A. MRI ATCT** – None

**B. CAP** – None

**C. AOPA – None**

**D. Lake Hood – None**

**E. AACCA - None**

**F. Fairview Community Council -None**

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Spernak would like to have an update on the RNY 7/25 rehab project and would like to be informed on the progress of the project.

Stormy suggested dedicating the next Users Group, meeting in July, for the 7/25 rehab topic and allow for MRI users to be interactive, with management, engineers, air traffic controllers and users.

Stormy reported at Lake Hood in Charlie parking, approximately 28 tiedowns, will be closed down due to tower replacement and will need to be replaced, in 2025.

Joe Darnell said at the fall safety meeting they were told the building of the new tower was four to five years out and the tiedown won't be eliminated until then. Joe would like to utilize the Users Group meeting to have the discussion on the 7/25 runway rehab. He suggested to advertise and to flag the meeting notices to alert the users on the topic. He would like to see involvement from JBER at the meeting. Finally, he would like to have MRI publish a newsletter, again.

Michael Schoder shared the Great Alaskan Aviation Gathering is this weekend in Palmer, at the fairgrounds. He would like MRI, in the future, to have a booth there to promote Merrill Field, to educate the flying community on everything Merrill.

Al Merrill, Angel Aviation and Rogers Park resident, suggested to have the municipality research into having people that purchase a home near an airport sign a type of noise waiver, that states they are buying a house next to an airport and aware of airport noise.

Al offered up space at Angels booth this weekend for any flyers that Merrill Field would like to distribute. Stormy will email Rich and ask if he can get something together, maybe the fly friendly information.

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next Airport User Group Meeting July 5, 2023, 5:00PM, at the Airport Manager's office

The next MAAAC meeting will be Thursday (First Thursday of the month) June 1, 2023 (Anchorage Fire Training Center, 1140 Airport Heights Rd., Bldg. A, Rm 1)

**9. ADJOURNMENT** at 12:43 p.m.