



City of Prescott

Airport Advisory Committee

August 15, 2023 | 2:00 PM
Airport Administrative Conference Room
6630 Airport Avenue
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gjede called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mike Gjede, Chairman
Daryl Austermiller, Vice Chairman
Bud Ackerman, Member
Gary Duemling, Member
Jim Huffman, Member
Jason Kopschak, Member (Absent)
Parker Northrup, Member (Absent)

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes for the April 18, 2023 Airport Advisory Committee Meeting.
**MOTION BY CHAIR GJEDE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED;
SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AUSTERMILLER: PASSED (5 – 0)**
- B. Approval of Minutes for the July 18, 2023 Airport Advisory Committee Meeting.
**MOTION BY CHAIR GJEDE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED;
SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AUSTERMILLER: PASSED (5 – 0)**
- C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update on Essential Air Service (EAS) at Prescott Regional Airport - Ernest A. Love Field.

Airport Director Robin Sobotta presented an update on the Essential Air Service (EAS) bid. The US Department of Transportation has extended the current air carrier contract through December 31, 2023, and reminded the public to book with confidence through the end of the year.

After the presentation, there was a short discussion regarding the current air carrier service, specifically regarding subsidies and ticket prices. The Airport Director provided information regarding the subsidies that the air carrier receives and if they do not have subsidies (EAS service), how ticket prices are affected.

- D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Airport Grant Funded Projects and Grants. The airport staff provided a brief discussion and presentation regarding grants received by the Airport from 2018-2023 and future fiscal years through 2028.
- E. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update on Airport Activity.

Airport Operations Supervisor Jules Metivier along with Airport Director Robin Sobotta presented and discussed airport activity past and future. As well as the impact that is seen in the community in regards to noise complaints and future development and what that means for airport activity.

There was a discussion after the presentation regarding the types of aircraft that are receiving the majority complaints, and if that kind of data is available. Airport staff provided information on what type of aircraft makes up the majority of operations and explained that the majority are fixed wing noise complaints. Discussions regarding airport activity in terms of what is disclosed to homeowners that purchase in the proximity of the airport, so as to try and decrease the amount of complaints that the airport receives. Staff informed the committee that a disclosure statement should be provided, but the airport has no evidence that that actually occurred. Also, an airport disclosure map is available from the State of Arizona Department of Real Estate, on their website for the public.

4. FACILITY TOUR

- A. Committee Tour of the Prescott Fire Center & the Y.H. Kim Aviation Facility. United States Forest Service (USFS) Cindy Matthews, gave a tour of the Prescott Fire Center & the Y.H. Kim Aviation Facility.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Gjede adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.



MICHAEL GJEDE, Chair

ATTEST:



CHRISTINA PAPA, Staff Liaison