

MINUTES
DANE COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION
NOISE ABATEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
Robert B. Skuldt Conference Room

Subcommittee Members Present: Dennis O'Loughlin, Chair
O'Brien, Somerfeld, Haight

Subcommittee Members Absent: Rummel, Rusk, Gau

Technical Advisory Group Members Present: Lt. Col. Brian Gray, 115th Fighter Wing, ANG
Maj. Leif Mikkelson, 147th AVN. BT. ARNG
Dan Hoke, MSN FAA ATCT

Staff Present: Livingston, Jensen, L. Wright, Sevigny, S. Wright

Guests Present: Colin Maitland, Madison AOPA
Victoria Straughn, Citizen
Dean Morse, Citizen

I. Introductions.

Chair O'Loughlin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Subcommittee members, staff, and guests made self introductions.

II.- IV. Review of Noise Complaint Activity.

Airport Noise Abatement/Environmental Officer Lowell Wright briefed the subcommittee on the past six months noise complaint activity and reviewed the Airport's Noise Abatement Program and noise audit results.

V. Report of Chair.

Chair O'Loughlin stated he was pleased with the significant reductions in noise complaints as compared to the same period last year and is hopeful the trend will continue.

VI. Communications of Staff.

Question: Is the airport open 24 hours?

Answer: Yes, the Air Traffic Control Tower however, is only open from 6:00a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Question: Is the Airport traffic count up or down?

Answer: The overall air traffic operations (take-off or landing) has steadily declined over the years, most notably in the general aviation category.

VII. Old Business.

None

VIII. New Business.

Citizen Straughn requested that the aircraft type be included as a category in the monthly noise complaint breakdown.

Colin Maitland noted that the automated weather information line has been consistently busy lately. Lowell Wright will investigate the situation.

IX. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis O'Loughlin, Chair
Noise Abatement Subcommittee