

AIRPORT COMMISSION  
MEMORANDUM

Date: February 6, 2024

To: City Council

From: Transit/Airport Administrator  
Lompoc Airport Commission

Subject: ANNUAL AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT TO THE CITY  
COUNCIL

Pursuant to City Council's direction, the Airport Commission is pleased to submit its annual Airport Commission Report for 2023. The Commission did not meet in the calendar year 2023 as there were not enough Commission members to form a quorum. The Commission is happy to report the following list of significant accomplishments for this period.

Through the joint efforts of the Commission, the Aviation Community, and City Staff, the following noteworthy accomplishments were completed at the Lompoc Airport in the calendar year 2023:

- The 39th annual Piper Cub Fly-In was held on July 10th, 2023, and was attended by approximately 30 aircraft and 500 attendees including the public.
- The airport web page was updated to provide current information for the aviation community, businesses, flying tourists, fuel availability and the community in general.
- Maintained the airport infrastructure.
- Provided a safe facility for aircraft operations.
- Promoted an aviation business friendly environment.
- Received passing airport condition and safety results from FAA and State inspections.
- The jet fuel facility has generated more than \$150,000 in revenue for 2022/23, in its 14th year of operation and has enabled the airport to service confirmed jet traffic from as far away as Idaho, Florida, Texas and New York.
- Promoted public awareness by offering displays of historic aircraft the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday of each month.

- Completed the Runway portion of the Runway/Taxiway Project.

The following goals have been established for the Airport for 2023/24:

- Continue to encourage aviation related events and activities aimed at promoting favorable public relations that are of value and interest to the community.
- Complete the rehabilitation of the Runway/Taxiway and Runway/Taxiway Electrical improvements currently underway.
- Act as liaison between the City Council and the airport users.
- Continue to aggressively seek and acquire grant funds for additional airport improvements.
- Continue to work closely with staff to promote the safe and efficient operation and management of Lompoc Airport.
- Continue to promote an aviation business friendly environment and attract new business to the Lompoc Airport.
- Continue to increase the Airport Reserve account to provide for future unforeseen emergencies or opportunities.
- Make the Lompoc Airport attractive and marketable to tourists and businesses who utilize aircraft to infuse out-of-the area monies into the local economy.
- Continue to work toward the maximization of Airport Revenues through efficient use of Airport property.
- Establish aviation easements over property that may be affected by aviation activity.
- Actively market the Airport and the 13 acres on the Southside for aviation related commercial development. Refer to the Airport more often as a Business Class Airport to stress the use of the Airport for the commercial community.
- Strive to secure a food concession at or adjacent to the Airport.
- Continue to encourage the Chamber of Commerce to include the Airport in its community marketing activities.

- Actively seek to encourage charter services to advertise and utilize Lompoc Airport as an additional business opportunity.
- Assist with the 40th annual Piper Cub Fly-in to promote the airport to users and the public.
- Through the above efforts, the Commission strives to:
  - 1) Provide the best possible service to the aviation community and city residents who utilize the airport.
  - 2) Increase the Airport to a higher level of value in the perception of the community.
  - 3) Provide a greater contribution to the local economy.

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