

PRESENT

Councillor Kerry Pascoe	Wagga Wagga City Council
Councillor Dan Hayes	Wagga Wagga City Council
Mr Warrick Lodge	Regional Express
Mr Nicholas Pausina	Department of Defence
Mr Geoff Breust	Aviation Industry Participant
Mrs Jenny Cabot	Aviation Industry Participant

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager,	Peter Thompson
Senior Governance Officer	Neil McDermott

The meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee commenced at 6.00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

APOLOGIES

Dannielle Wait	Wagga Wagga Business Chamber
Joshua Dorey	Qantas
Iain Carty	Department of Defence

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 AUGUST 2019

Recommendation

On the Motion of W Lodge and N Pausina

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 EXPANSION OF REX'S AUSTRALIAN AIRLINE PILOT ACADEMY (AAPA)

Mr Warrick Lodge from Regional Express provided details of the proposed expansion of REX's Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

Mr Lodge informed the Committee that he wished to withdraw the report at this time as he is awaiting further information. Once the information is received, Mr Lodge will distribute the information to the Committee out of session.

CARRIED

RP-2 LIGHTING OF THE AAPA AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON

Mr Warrick Lodge from Regional Express provided details of the lighting of the AAPA Aircraft Parking Apron. Mr Lodge informed the Committee of the need for additional lighting at the AAPA parking apron on the southern side of the airport, for training aircraft. This is due to a Wagga Airport restriction (NOTAM).

The Committee discussed a number of options including using existing poles.

The Committee requested that Council's Manager, Council Businesses, Mr Darryl Woods, undertake an inspection (walk around) of the area and provide an update on lighting options. The Committee also requested that Mr Woods contact the Committee, prior to the inspection, via email, to discuss a preferred date and time for the inspection (walk around).

Recommendation

That the Airport Advisory Committee note the information provided by Mr Lodge.

CARRIED

RP-3 SCHEDULE OF AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES 2020

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommended dates, however, requested a Special Meeting of the Committee be scheduled for mid-December 2019. Items for discussions at the Special Meeting will include, but not be limited to the following:

1. The future airport budget(s)
2. An update on the Airport Data Collection from the Airport Group

A date for this Special Meeting will be determined and the Committee will be notified.

Recommendation

That the Airport Advisory Committee:

- a approve the dates below as the meeting dates for the Airport Committee for 2020**
 - **Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 6.00pm**
 - **Wednesday, 6 May 2020 at 6.00pm**
 - **Wednesday, 5 August 2020 at 6.00pm**
 - **Wednesday, 4 November 2020 at 6.00pm**
- b schedule a Special Meeting for mid December 2019 to consider the following items:**
 - **The future airport budget(s)**
 - **An update on the Airport Data Collection from the Airport Group**

CARRIED

RP-4 PADDOCK TO PLANE TO PLATE

The Committee received an update provided by Council's Manager, Council Businesses, Mr Darryl Woods, on the State Governments' Paddock to Plane to Plate proposal. The Committee requested that they receive a further update from Mr Woods once the Final Report has been delivered.

The Committee were advised that to date there have been no follow-up reports.

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor D Hayes and N Pausina

That the Airport Advisory Committee note the information provided on 2 May 2019, by the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade John Barilaro issued as a media release on the Paddock to Plane to Plate feasibility study.

CARRIED

RP-5 AIRPORT DATA COLLECTION UPDATE

The Committee considered the update provided by Council's Manager, Council Businesses, Mr Darryl Woods, from the consultant on Friday, 25 October 2019 and requested a further update be provided by Mr Woods to the Special Meeting to be held in mid-December 2019.

Recommendation:

On the Motion of W Lodge and N Pausina

That the Airport Advisory Committee note the information provided by Council's Manager, Council Businesses, Mr Darryl Woods:.

AIRPORT DATA COLLECTION UPDATES

- Albury Airport - have received responses to initial questions and have sent further questions relating to financials
- Parkes Airport - have received responses to initial questions and have sent further questions relating to financials
- Coffs Harbour Airport - have received responses to initial questions and have sent further questions relating to financials
- Griffith Airport - have received responses to initial questions and have sent further questions relating to financials
- Port Macquarie Airport – information received
- Dubbo Airport - have received responses to initial questions and have sent further questions relating to financials
- Tamworth Airport - nothing received yet
- Orange Airport - not participating
- Wagga Airport - we have had a discussion with Leon to clarify information on Wagga operations

OVERALL PROGRESS/COMMENTS

- The Airport Group has commenced the draft report with the majority of the information received. (and published data).

CARRIED

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The following Questions With Notice were received.

QWN-1

Councillor Kerry Pascoe asked if there had been any complaints about airport noise as he sometimes hears planes late at night at his home.

Jenny Cabot advised that there was only one regular complainant who lives to the south of the airport.

QWN-2

Mr Nicholas Pausina advised the Committee that demolition works were due to start at RAAF Base Wagga on or about 28 or 29th November 2019. One building will be demolished as well as pavement works around bays 5 and 6.

Mr Pausina also advised that the PFAS investigations have now been completed. Three RAAF sites will now be remediated with RAAF Base Wagga to be the first.

QWN – 3

Mr Geoff Breust requested an update on the Airport Lease negotiations. He wondered if the Airport Advisory Committee should be involved in the negotiations as there are some concerns from a commercial business perspective.

Mr Peter Thompson provided a short update and said that he would provide a further update to a future Committee Meeting.

QWN -4

Mr Geoff Breust asked if Council was applying for the \$100M Federal Government Regional Airport Grants that were announced in September.

Mr Peter Thompson provided a short update and said that he would provide a further update to a future Committee Meeting.

QWN-5

Councillor Dan Hayes suggested that the Committee should be looking at the long term future of the Airport – the next 20 to 30 years. He suggested that the Committee should have input in the development of the next Wagga Airport Masterplan.

Mr Peter Thompson said that he would provide an update on the Masterplan to the February 2020 Committee Meeting.

QWN-6

Mr Geoff Breust suggested that the Committee start developing an Airport Strategic Plan at the February 2020 Committee Meeting.

QWN-7

Mr Geoff Breust stated that commercial operators at the Airport did not object to paying for water that they use, however, questioned whether they should be charged for the installation of water meters.

QWN-8

Mr Geoff Breust suggested that solar panels could be installed on the roofs of buildings at the airport to provide power for the airport and also commercial operators.

The Airport Advisory Committee rose at 7.45pm.