

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

MINUTES

March, 24, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office
3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. The meeting was called to order @ 1804 by Chairman Goodwin.
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION - **Members:** Chuck Goodwin, Jack Limmer, Alistair McCrone, Bill Davidson, George Jutila, Dax Williamson, Rich Fenton. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airports Division Manager. **Guests:** Al Castaldi, Pilot; Elaine Weinreb, McKinleyville Press; Nancy Maas, 99's representative, and Dave Carlisle, FAA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 24, 2009. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the following two changes:
 1. Item 7A. Change text to "AWOS-AV"
 2. Item 7B. Change text to "AWOS-III"
4. OPEN SESSION (to include community guests) Nancy Maas, of the 99's, announced that the 99's will have a barbeque gathering at FOT on Saturday, May 16th, around 1200. Ms. Hulsey noted that a County permit is required and Ms. Maas noted that they generally trade services for this permit, and that she will contact Ms. Hulsey in order to obtain one.

Al Castaldi announced that there will be a tsunami warning test exercise tomorrow from 1015 to 1045. It will involve multiple public agencies, as well as, an aircraft with loudspeakers announcing the warning and evacuation instructions to residents of low lying areas. This test exercise will also involve local amateur radio operators to relay information.

5. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Reports: Passenger and Freight Statistics – Enplanements were noted to be the highest since 2002 for the month of February. Ms. Hulsey reported that the airlines had used increased advertising with lower fares during this period, which probably contributed to the increase. Deplanements were quite low and this was noted to be unusual for this airport.
- B. Projects
 - 1) ACV Terminal Expansion – Baggage belt issues persist, with the contractor working on revisions and improvements since last month's report. These additional corrective measures are to be evaluated and a meeting for proposed acceptance of this portion of the project is scheduled for next week. Further
 - 2) ACV Runway Improvement Funding - A grant for the design of this work has been accepted by the County with assistance from the Headwaters Fund and REDEC. This grant will pay for the design of the specific EMAS project for this airport. The south end of the runway takeoff paving will extend 200' to the south, but the landing threshold on this end will stay in the same location. The takeoff pavement on the north end of Runway 34 will be moved about 600' to the north, with the landing threshold also remaining in the same location, when the EMAS is installed on that end.
 - 3) EKA Security Fencing and Gate Repairs The last environmental document has been turned in to the FAA and the County is awaiting it's return or comment. After FAA approval of this document, the County will pursue project design of this improvement. Vehicle gate access codes are currently being changed at Murray Field (EKA). Gate repairs are ongoing to correct other closing/latching issues reported earlier.

4) Other Airports – The County is looking at possible purchase of land or property rights from local landowners in the vicinity of Kneeland airport. This is being pursued for a “land bank” for protection of the Kneeland Pennycress flower, in order to repair eroding runway ends at Kneeland airport.

6. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

- A. Subcommittee for Hangar Construction - Jack Limmer and Chuck Goodwin discussed the mandate for this subcommittee. Jack reported that it was specifically recorded in the November, 2008 Committee Minutes that this committee would investigate or formulate possible private financial models that might lead the County to reconsider their policy of not allowing private construction of T-hangars on County airport properties. Reports from this subcommittee will remain as an ongoing future agenda item.
- B. Garberville – The roof that blew off of the gas shed has been repaired, per Ms. Hulsey.
- C. Rohnerville - George Jutila announced that ATT can provide internet service to the airport, and that some local pilots, interested in providing camera coverage for weather condition reporting, are likely to fund this service. He will continue to negotiate with the County to obtain space in the Rohnerville Airport office for the server that he has offered to donate.
- D. Dinsmore – The State of California was reported to have rescheduled a proposed inspection visit to this airport, due to recent weather issues, per Ms. Hulsey.
- E. Murray/Kneeland – No further reports.
- F. Arcata – No further report.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Committee Duties and Responsibilities. Jack Limmer distributed some original minutes from John Murray dating back to 1999, relating to the original scope for the Committee, as envisioned at that time.
- B. Notice of Proposed Rule Making Regarding Large Aircraft Security Program - There were 7000 comments on this proposed rulemaking and Committee members were encouraged to continue to contact their legislators in order to defeat or modify the current proposal.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Committee Filing of Form 700 – Committee members were reminded to complete and return this document to the Humboldt County Department of Public Works office.

B. Ms. Hulsey asked that an announcement from Chevron regarding the availability of scholarships to attend the EAA Air Academy aviation camp this summer be distributed and promoted among eligible students, aged 16 to 18.

C. The Moser Project for limited residential occupancy in the Airport Business Park is going to the Planning Commission on April 2, 2009 @ 1800 for a five year extension and modification of his conditional use permit. This return to the Planning Commission is intended to codify the modifications and recommendations that occurred to the project as a result of its review by the County’s Airport Land Use Commission. Ms. Hulsey distributed the Notice of Public Hearing for this meeting to committee members.

9. ADJOURNMENT @ 1852

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE: 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24