

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

MINUTES

May 26, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office

3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. The meeting was called to order @ 1800 by Vice Chairman Bill Davidson.
2. ROLL CALL – Members: Bill Davidson, Alistair McCrone, George Jutila, Dax Williamson, Rich Fenton. Staff: Jacquelyn Hulsey, Emily Jacobson. Guests: Dave Carlisle, FAA; Nancy Maas, Pilot and 99's.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 28, 2009. Approval was initially deferred to the next meeting, but subsequently they were approved with one suggested change by Ms. Hulsey after the arrival of George Jutila to the meeting. The approved change was to replace "...next..." with "...2009 - 2010....." in the last sentence of Item 5.B.
4. OPEN SESSION (to include community guests) – Nancy Maas thanked everyone for promoting and attending the 99's barbeque in Fortuna two weeks ago. She also asked Ms. Hulsey if the airport would like to display a wall plaque the 99's received for the first place award in "Air Markings" within their organization. This award was given to them for their work in repainting the tie down markings at Garberville Airport. Ms. Hulsey noted that she would be happy to display it if it could be framed similar to sample photographs in the office (to facilitate hanging within the airport terminal).
5. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT
 - A. Reports
 - 1) Passenger and Freight Statistics – Ms. Hulsey announced that passenger traffic (enplanements) were up 11% from last month and deplanements were up by 8.7%. She noted that Delta looks at both of these figures and has announced that they are extending their air travel bank through the end of August. It is expected that they will review their commitment to continued service to this area at that time. Emily asked that cargo statistics be submitted to the Committee on a quarterly basis since the statistics do not arrive at the same time and monthly reporting almost always has some errors in the reports due to missing data. The Committee discussed this and voted to approve the request for future reports of cargo activities to be submitted on a quarterly basis.
 - B. Projects
 - 1) ACV Terminal Expansion and Baggage Handling – The baggage equipment is now operational and the commissioning of it is imminent. The roof membrane was incorrectly installed and the manufacturer has participated in the replacement. Some other items remain to be completed and the final "open house" for the improvements will set for a future date.
 - 2) ACV Runway Improvement – The environmental study for the runway bluff restoration is in process. When the end of Runway 32 is modified and the entire runway resurfaced and re-marked, there will tentatively be a three day shutdown of the airport. This interruption will likely occur in November.
 - 3) Other Airports – The design, purchase, and installation contract authorization for the

AWOS systems will go to the Board of Supervisors for their approval on June 19th.

6. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

- A. Subcommittee for Hangar Construction – No additional report at this meeting due to only one member of the subcommittee present.
- B. Garberville – Ms. Hulsey announced that the airport security fence was hit over the weekend and a license plate was found inside the fenced area.
- C. Rohnerville – George Jutila thanked the County for the improvements to the hangar at the field. He also provided a narrative description for a variety of framed photographs that he has donated to the County for display in the passenger lounge at ACV. Saturday, September 26th, will be the date of the annual meeting of AVISCANDO at the Fortuna River Lodge. Someone from NASA will be at the meeting to speak of the Mars Rover project and possibly someone who will speak regarding the Hubble telescope repair project.
- D. Dinsmore – no report.
- E. Murray – Signage from Highway 101. Rich Fenton announced that CalTrans has ordered another “Jacobs Avenue” sign for the northbound (NB) traffic on Hwy. 101 near Carl Johnson. They will also move the airplane picture from the first NB exit to this one. They are considering adding an “airport” banner sign above or below the “Jacobs Avenue” signs for both directions of traffic.
- F. Kneeland – no report.
- G. Arcata – Checkered Bloom (endangered plant species) is located at the airport and has been GPS located for future reference by the California Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Department of Wildlife Services. There is an abundance of the plant on the airport, and it does not appear that it will be restrictive in regards to any future development. Some of it occurs in an area that is currently slated to be improved, and it will be experimentally transplanted to another airport location.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter requesting a name change/field designation of Rohnerville Airport – Ms. Hulsey distributed a letter from Michael E. Walsh requesting an honorary change of the airport’s name to “Gates and Meade Field”. Discussion was held on this but any action was deferred until the next meeting, at which time it will be again be on the agenda and fully discussed.
- B. Letter supporting T-Hanger construction at ACV – Discussion and modifications were made. Secretary to revise and send modified letter to all members as a “Draft”. Moved by GJ and seconded by DW – passed.
- C. Letter, re. Airport Security Directive’s potential impacts – Action on creating a letter on this subject was deferred to the next regular Committee meeting. Ms. Hulsey noted that due to the urging of GA groups and the AAAE, TSA has decided to look through the large aircraft security initiative directive and revise and re-issue it, possibly as a voluntary security measure, without badge requirements.

8. ADJOURNMENT @ 1852 by Vice Chairman Bill Davidson.

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