

Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee  
January 23, 2007  
6:00 p.m.  
ACV Airport Terminal, Manager's Office

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCrone at 1802 hrs. local time.
- 2) Parking ticket validations were performed and distributed by Jacque.
- 3) Roll call - Members: Alistair McCrone, Chairman, Rich Fenton, George Jutila, Dennis Lichty, Bill Davidson. Staff: Jacquelyn Hulsey, Aviation Division Manager. Guests: Reg Kennedy, National Weather Service, Aviation Support Manager
- 4) Approval of Minutes for the 11/28/06 meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted to Committee members via e-mail.
- 5) Open session: to include community guests. Chairman McCrone asked if there was any desired community input to the Committee. Mr. Kennedy from the NWS commented upon the recent fiber optic line that was cut and the effect of it on their operations. He noted that, the first time it occurred (it has happened twice in recent history), it prevented them from communicating any product until it was repaired. This time there was a different circuit available for their use after a short interruption of service.

It was noted that during the same outages the airport requested the certified weather observer, Emily Jacobs, in to manually augment the airport's automated weather equipment. It was difficult to get the reports out due to the lack of working cell phones during the outage. There was general agreement that most methods of working around this type of problem require some type of voice communication (cell phone or land line), and that if they are not available, the airport is adversely affected. It was indicated that the Aviation Division planned to obtain at least one satellite enabled phone for future emergency preparedness.

Mr. Kennedy explained his position at NWS as an aviation support specialist and indicated that he will attempt to attend additional Committee meetings in the future. He is open to any questions the Committee might have related to the NWS and their offered aviation weather services.

6) Airport Manager's report:

- i) It was reported that a Mr. Johnson from Redding is exploring the possibility of starting an "on demand" charter business based at Rohnerville Airport. The business has not started yet, but discussions with the County are continuing.
- ii) AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association) "airport watch" literature and signs were received once again this year for security purposes at the region's airports. Bill Davidson reported that two pre-teen girls were observed smoking in the airport terminal at Rohnerville. He suggested that the combination to the front door be changed, as well as the one at the vehicle gate into Murray Field.
- iii) Three AIP grants have been applied for recently, one for a new aircraft rescue and fire truck and related equipment, another for the ACV runway safety area and environmental study, and another for the extension of the current grant for the terminal expansion project.
- iv) The hangar waiting list has been updated and is now organized with 65 people on the updated list. There is a \$50 fee for placement on the list and it is believed that this fee will apply towards hangar rent when an applicant obtains a hangar.
- v) The environmental report for the deer fence at Murray Field will be complete in April and construction of this fence may be in place for the summer season.
- vi) Dennis Lichty commented on a house party that occurred across the street from Garberville Field on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Five aircraft were moved around the airport from out of their hangars and some damage occurred to the aircraft. The Sheriff's Department, the aircraft owners, and the four teenage girls (with their parents) who were involved met at the airport and agreed to their performance of community service by washing airplanes on four Saturdays in lieu of charges being filed. One aircraft owner later elected to file criminal charges against them for the damage to his plane and they are not now

