

Approved Minutes 040127 (YYMMDD)
Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee
27 January 04 at 1800
Airport Managers Office

1. Meeting was called to order at 1810 by Chairman, George Jutila.
2. Attendance:
 - 2.1. Members – George Jutila, Chairman, Jack Limmer, Tony Howard, Al Castaldi, Alistair McCrone, Chuck Goodwin, Rich Fenton
 - 2.2. County Staff – Emily Jacobs, HCPW
 - 2.3. Consultants – None
 - 2.4. Guests – Pete Peterson, FAA; John White, Don Laffranchi Jr., Ken Melton. Mark Wilcox @ 1900.
3. Changes to the agenda/Correspondence – No changes to the agenda.
 - 3.1. Correspondence
 - 3.1.1. Art Hooven’s resignation e-mail (attached to agenda). See Item 6.5.
 - 3.1.2. John White’s information via e-mail regarding McKinleyville Press’s notice of a January 21st community public meeting for those opposed to the Arcata Airport expansion plans – no attendance by, or information from, any parties present at this meeting. It was also announced that the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a public forum to discuss the draft plan on Thursday, February 5th, at 0700 at the McKinleyville Community Center. It was discussed that the Committee members who might attend any of these meetings would need to be careful to not present themselves as representatives of the Committee. It was also noted that since the Committee is only advisory in nature, that care needs to be taken not to present any comments as representing the Board of Supervisors or the County. It was expected that if the County was to have a representative there, that the Director of Public Works would be the appropriate party to arrange it.
 - 3.1.3. John White’s e-mail question regarding when a final draft document of the Arcata Airport Master Plan will be presented to County staff for approval. This item was discussed and no answer was available for Mr. White at this time. Emily will ask Allen Campbell about this tomorrow. There was some confusion regarding whether or not the Committee’s prior input has been incorporated into the developing document. Jack Limmer made a motion to request that Allen Campbell respond to the Committee regarding the next step in the process and the timing of subsequent meetings and approvals. Al Castaldi seconded this motion and it was passed unanimously. Tony Howard noted that the general public is probably as confused as we are in this process. It was suggested that a project flow chart be requested from the consultant.

4. Approval of the minutes of the 06 January 04 meeting. Minutes reviewed and approval motion made by Alistair McCrone, seconded by Jack Limmer – passed unanimously. Approved as submitted.
5. Consent Calendar: Reports and Information. The following articles/reports were distributed by Chairman Jutila:
 - 5.1. Article regarding terrorism – acts versus causes.
 - 5.2. Article regarding terror alert level definitions and responses.
 - 5.3. Wall Street Journal article regarding the fingerprinting/photographing of U.S. visitors spurring the fortunes of biometrics equipment vendors.
 - 5.4. Report distributed noting that third party appeals of pilot violations of TSA security rules are now being implemented by the FAA and TSA.
 - 5.5. Report distributed regarding the potential for increased accidents in Idaho mountains if the Boise AFSS is closed in the future as a result of the FAA’s current study of private sector vendors for future FSS functions.
 - 5.6. Report distributed regarding Jamaica’s problems with drug smuggling aircraft, and the effects their use may have on legitimate aircraft operations.
 - 5.7. Announcement distributed regarding the FAA’s plans for a “virtual meeting” for the proposed sightseeing Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). AOPA has commented that the FAA should hold actual face to face meetings, but the FAA has stated that they do not have the budget to do this in numerous locations.
 - 5.8. Report distributed concerning AOPA’s comments to CBS news for its slanted coverage in a general aviation security story aired on television recently. General Aviation security improvements since 9/11 were also noted.
 - 5.9. Announcement of the flight of the Dayton Wright “Flyer” replica on January 7th and 9th.
 - 5.10. Report distributed regarding Steve Fossett’s announced attempt to fly a Scaled Composites jet aircraft around the world, single pilot and non-stop.
 - 5.11. AOPA announcement regarding the need to participate in local and regional elections to promote General Aviation issues.
 - 5.12. Report was distributed regarding the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) announcement of the availability of four new FEMA documents related to design and construction of high occupancy buildings which are more resistant to terrorist attacks.

The chairman asked for a motion to request that the County Planning/Building and Public Works Departments be made aware of these new references. Alistair McCrone moved that the FEMA documents be forwarded to these Departments. It was seconded by Chuck Goodwin and passed unanimously.

- 5.13. An article was distributed detailing new airport security screening details and those to come in the future.
- 5.14. Report distributed regarding the receipt, by Montana State University, of a \$10.5 million federal grant to research new drugs to fight diseases that might be used by terrorists.
- 5.15. Report was distributed regarding the European Union’s (EU) upcoming consideration of providing armed air marshals on flights and also the small number of U.S. pilots that have currently been certified to carry weapons on commercial flights.
- 5.16. The letter from Dennis A. Lichty to Jacquelyn Hulsey regarding desired improvements to Garberville Airport (This reference is to documents included in last months agenda).
- 5.17. An announcement by TSA regarding three emergency amendments to enhance security on international flights arriving from foreign countries was distributed.
- 5.18. An announcement of the appointment of the State of California’s new director of Homeland Security, Ronald Iden, was distributed.
- 5.19. A report was distributed regarding a new Japanese device that can quickly identify

- microbes such as anthrax in about an hour.
- 5.20. Chairman Jutila – see items above for comments and discussion.
 - 5.21. Airports Manager – Emily passed on information for Jacquelyn Hulse in her absence.
 - 5.21.1 Jacquelyn has had contact with a raptorist that could visit Rohnerville Airport once or twice per week in an effort to reduce the crow population. Tony Howard noted that this possible solution does not address the cause of the problem, which is the open feeding trench at the Sheriff’s hog farm. Tony also commented that there may be no historical information on bird strikes in order to support the cost of such a continuing action. Al Castaldi commented that he has seen groups of 30 to 40 birds in the runway vicinity during takeoff and approach, and that the possibility of a strike is high even if there has not been a lot of actual strikes. It was noted that specific observations of wildlife near runways need to be reported to the County Aviation Division for action. Emily will assure that the forms used to report “wildlife on runways” will be made conspicuously available at both Murray and Rohnerville Airports. Al Castaldi moved, Jack Limmer seconded, a motion that the Airports Manager speak to the Sheriff’s Department regarding the ongoing bird hazard issues at Rohnerville Airport. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 5.21.2. Jacquelyn is working with the FAA to find a shielding device for the ACV strobe lighting system along Central Avenue. Pete Peterson noted that they need to locate an FAA approved device in order to avoid legal liability should there be an aircraft accident as a result of any modifications to the lighting systems.
 - 5.21.3. Emily and Jacquelyn have contacted both Horizon and SkyWest local managers regarding changing aircraft pattern procedures at ACV to help alleviate residents concerns about low maneuvering flight and turns to final approach over McKinleyville High School. Emily reports that both are eager to do whatever is necessary to help. Al Castaldi offered to meet with them to discuss possible modifications to their operations. It was noted that modifications may put the turning flight over either Morris Elementary or McKinleyville Middle School, although the turning elevation above ground would be slightly higher. It was also discussed that there was probably the public perception that the Horizon Q400 aircraft looks to be flying lower than it actually is because of it’s large size (70 passengers) and its ability to fly slow and turn relatively sharply. The conventional SkyWest visual approach turns somewhere around Miller Farms and probably is not the subject of residents concerns.
 - 5.21.4. Discussion was held at this time regarding ACV runway expansion proposals and current needs of regional jet (RJ) aircraft versus turboprops. One of the meeting’s guests this evening is a SkyWest pilot and was able to offer additional insight into the operational characteristics of the RJ versus turboprop aircraft. He was asked to have his corporate operations department provide additional documentation of any specific needs for RJ’s that the current Arcata Airport runway does not provide. See additional information under Item 8.2. Letters of support for the proposed airport runway extension have been obtained by the County Aviation Division from both airline tenants, Horizon and SkyWest.
 - 5.21.5. Cal Pine’s proposed LNG facility has resulted in numerous calls to the County Airport Office and Emily asked where to refer the public’s calls for information. The consensus was that the Harbor District was probably the best source of information for this at this time. It was noted that there is currently no official proposal in front of anyone, and therefore, information is probably sketchy at this time.
 - 5.22. Director of Public Works – no comments.
 - 5.23. CAO – no comments.
 - 5.24. Board of Supervisors – no comments.

6. Old Business

- 6.1. John White's statement to the Board of Supervisors regarding the siting of the an animal control facility at the Arcata Airport was discussed. Mr. White reported that he presented this statement to the Board recently and did not receive any immediate reaction from Board members to its content. The construction project is currently out to bid and is apparently committed as far as its location on the airport property.
- 6.2. Airport Master Plan – Mr. White's questions regarding the public meetings and the draft Arcata Airport Master Plan were discussed and he distributed an additional overall summary of his comments for the Consultant's review. Mr. White was thanked for his work on this document and a motion was made and seconded to forward the document to Allen Campbell for subsequent consideration by Mead-Hunt in preparing the final draft of the Arcata Airport Master Plan – passed unanimously.
- 6.3. Letter recommending plaque honoring Teresa Askew. Emily noted some additional information that may be included in the letter regarding Teresa and the secretary was given permission by the Committee to modify the letter slightly in order to include this additional biographical information. Dr. Jutila will forward Committee stationary to secretary. Revised final letter to be printed by secretary and forwarded to Dr. Jutila for signature and delivery to Allen Campbell.
- 6.4. Montgomery glider display at ACV – This item is still pending a presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Tony Howard and Dr. Jutila are working on it.
- 6.5.. Recommendation regarding new Committee members to the Board of Supervisors and replacement of members not in attendance.
 - 6.5.1. Art Hooven's e-mail resignation letter was accepted and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for action (see Item 3.1.1.).
 - 6.5.2. Chuck Goodwin's request for appointment to Art Hooven's vacant position. It was moved by Alistair McCrone and seconded by Jack Limmer that Chuck's request be forwarded to the Board for action. Rich Fenton noted that the current appointment to be made is in the 5th District, and that if the position is District specific, then he would like to be considered for appointment at this time in order to avoid a future situation where the next appointment is in another District and his place of residence would not qualify. Chuck recognized this possibility and the final Committee decision was to forward the request for appointment to the Board of Supervisors, for action consistent with typical Board policy.

7. New Business

- 7.1. Master plan for remaining airports in Humboldt County – Letter from Dennis Lichty of Redway regarding master planning for Garberville Airport (Letter not available for this meeting). This item was deferred for future action, as the schedule for master planning of other airports in the County is unclear at this time.

8. Public Input:

- 8.1. See Mr. White's earlier comments under Items 6.1. & 6.2. Tony Howard thanked Mr. White for his continuing critical input and open minded attitude toward the master planning process and documents.
- 8.2. Don Laffranchi Jr and Ken Melton spoke regarding the Arcata Airport (ACV) runway expansion plans and the current conditions at Arcata airport. The RJ currently flying into ACV is flying in here is "on the razor's edge" as far as having desirable runway length and stage lengths. Due to landing weight restrictions, there are times when, if due to weather conditions, alternate landing airports are required, that passengers and/or cargo must be left off the aircraft in order to carry sufficient fuel to reach the alternate airport. They feel that the expansion needs to go forward in order for the community to not be

- “left behind” in the future as airline operations evolve.
- 8.3. Mark Wilcox introduced himself and indicated that he represented a small group of concerned Archer Road residents and that his attendance was a result of their recent group meetings. He indicated that they were concerned about decreasing property values should the airport expansion proceed and also about a paradoxical issue in that the ability of the airport to accommodate larger passenger count aircraft may lead to a reduction in flight frequency, and therefore a perceived loss in utility for business travelers who enjoy numerous daily flights at this time. Discussion was held with Mr. Wilcox who was thanked for his attendance and questions and encouraged to attend future meetings. Some of the information earlier presented by the guests under Item 8.2. was also discussed with Mr. Wilcox.
 9. Date and place of next meeting – The next meeting is to be held at the Airport Manager’s Office at ACV on February 24th at 1800.
 10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2014 by Chairman George Jutila.

Date of Signatures: February 24, 2004

Richard Fenton, Secretary
Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee

George A. Jutila, M.D., Chairman
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