

# Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee

## Minutes

February 23, 2010

6:00pm

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1. The meeting was called to order at 1800 by Chairman Williamson. An amended agenda, presented by Chairman Williamson, was approved by voice vote of members present.
2. ROLL CALL – **Members Present:** Dax Williamson, Rich Fenton, Jack Limmer, Chuck Goodwin, Kyle Gabel, Alistair McCrone, Bill Davidson. **Members Absent:** Dennis Lichty, George Jutila. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, Tom Mattson. **Guests:** See scanned attendance list.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 19, 2010 meeting. Approval was moved by Chuck Goodwin, and seconded by Jack Limmer. Unanimous approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting followed by voice vote of the Members present.
4. OPEN SESSION (to include community guests) – There was a presentation to the county of Humboldt of two historical photos of Kay Gott Chaffey, a World War II WAAS pilot and Helen Pierce, the first woman pilot in Humboldt County, by Rita Limmer and Nancy Maas of the 99's.

Glenn-Jon Gunther, of Air Shasta Rotor & Wing LLC, asked about the County's requirement of \$3 million insurance for his helicopter flight school and his feeling that \$1 million is the industry standard for this type of operation. Tom Mattson indicated that the matter is in the hands of the Risk Manager, but that if Mr. Gunther would provide background information, that the County's Risk Manager could reconsider the issue. It was explained that all businesses operating on County airport property will need to comply with the same uniform requirements when their leases expire and are renewed, but that current lessees may not be required to meet these same requirements at this time.

General discussion was held upon improving communications between the County and the Committee regarding the status of County Airport Improvements Grants, with the suggestion that a written spreadsheet of status be posted on the County's website and handed out to the Committee each month.

A brief statement regarding a recent KHUM radio interview regarding airport issues was made by Tom Mattson, along with public discussion of restoring the cross runway lighting at ACV. Bill Davidson has offered to research similar airports and return the information to Tom Mattson to see if restoration of the cross runway lighting can be performed without increasing the possibility of possible runway incursions. Tom Mattson will appear on KHUM this Thursday to respond to and/or clarify various issues that were included in the original radio interview.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - The Chairman noted that sign-up sheets were available at this meeting for anyone interested in serving on three subcommittees: 1) Hangar development 2) Airport Hangar Waiting List 3) Airport Ramp Check Procedures.
6. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT - ACV Terminal Expansion – closeout paperwork is being processed by the FAA.

Miscellaneous ACV Project Status Reports:

An aviation easement project using Mead and Hunt as a consultant is complete. Bluff stabilization projects are in the process of environmental review studies. Runway safety areas for both ends of the main runway have been designed and are in the final stages of construction. Runway EMAS/safety area contractor is in the process of construction, subject to weather conditions. Electrical studies of the existing ACV lighting systems are in the process of evaluation for a future airport improvement program grant. This may be in excess of \$5 million in cost due to the current condition of the systems. Airport Layout Plans (ALPs) for all of the airports are being updated, and these will be posted on the County's website as they are completed, as part of the Master Planning documents. A contract for ACV T-hangar design has been signed with a consultant and also one of the corporate hangars may begin construction soon.

A question was asked at the meeting regarding the status of the previously contracted and promised AWOS systems, with a response that the provider's contract has been extended, but actual funding and installation of these are being held up until the County's airport ALPs are completed, turned in, and approved by the FAA.

#### 7. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

- a. Airport Hanger Committee – Jack Limmer reported that his Committee has begun discussions, but has no further report at this time. A sign-up list is available for this Committee.
- b. Airport Hanger Waiting List – Sign-up list is available for this Committee.
- c. Airport Ramp Check Committee – Sign-up list is available for this Committee.

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Carol Ford – Economic impact of GA – Ms. Ford discussed various aspects of the estimated 111 billion dollars of economic impact of the 259 airports in California. She indicated that membership in the California Pilots Association is important in order to support legislative lobbying for airports in California, since the national aviation organizations cannot perform all that needs to be done. She also encouraged all to contact their elected representatives to support airports and their funding, especially in these lean economic times.
- b. Minimum Standards/Leasing Policy – Ms. Hulseley extended the Committee's comment period on the DRAFT document, in order to accommodate those who may not have had time to return their comments before the original deadline date.
- c. Deer Fence at Murray – This Friday, the grant application for design will be signed and sent out to the FAA. Grant approval is expected within a month, following subsequent Board of Supervisors grant acceptance. The design will proceed immediately, with a possible 6 month time period to begin bidding of the project. This may allow construction of the project this before the end of this year.
- d. Arcata Airport Pilot Controlled lighting – See comments above under Item 4 – Open Session. Rob Delsman asked for clarification of the process and procedure for resolving this issue. A subcommittee will be formed to gather information in order to forward information to Tom Mattson. Membership at this time is Rob Delsman and Al Castaldi.
- e. Rohnerville Airport Plaque – Deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of George Jutila and William Rush.
- f. Humboldt County airport/aviation economic report – no report.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT @ 1955

#### 11. 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE: 3/23, 4/27, 5/25, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23

Respectfully submitted by Richard Fenton, Secretary

Date: March 24, 2010

HCAAC Attendance 2-23-10

Name

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JACK LIMMER

John Roskie

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RICH FENTON

Bill Davidson

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