

Approved Minutes 040224 (YYMMDD)
Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee
24 February 04 at 1800
Airport Managers Office

1. Meeting was called to order at 1805 by Chairman, George Jutila.
2. Attendance:
 - 2.1. Members – George Jutila, Chairman, Jack Limmer, Al Castaldi, Chuck Goodwin, Rich Fenton
 - 2.2. County Staff – Jacquelyn Hulsey, HCPW; Emily Jacobs, HCPW
 - 2.3. Consultants – None
 - 2.4. Guests – Pete Peterson, FAA; Fred Flores, CDF, Pamela Miller, Otto Richard Weber, and Dennis Lichty from Garberville
3. Changes to the agenda/Correspondence – Move Item 8.1 to accommodate Garberville guests and add item 8.2, Discussion of potential hazards to aviation, per request of Chuck Goodwin.
 - 3.1. Correspondence
 - 3.1.1. Current and Future Regional Jets – Discussion regarding the Q400 and the proposed regional jets by Don Laffranchi Jr. Motion to forward information to Mead-Hunt was made by Jack Limmer and seconded by Al Castaldi – passed unanimously.
8. New Business (changed agenda item)
 - 8.1 Master Plan for Garberville Airport and presentation regarding desired improvements by Dennis Lichty. Discussion regarding the availability of grants for desired improvements. Gas availability at a card lock is a possibility and should be investigated by the County as a replacement to the existing key lock system. Letter noting desired improvements and support letter from Chamber of Commerce were presented. Visitors were invited to stay in touch and attend meetings, if possible.
4. Approval of the minutes of the 27 January 04 meeting. Minutes reviewed and approval motion made by Jack Limmer seconded by Al Castaldi – passed unanimously. Approved as submitted.
5. Consent Calendar: Reports and Information. The following articles/reports were distributed by Chairman Jutila:
 - 5.1. Article regarding FAA’s virtual meeting to take input on charity flight rules.
 - 5.2. Article regarding AOPA support network.
 - 5.3. Article regarding Honda and GE’s development of a light jet.
 - 5.4. Report distributed the training of air carrier pilots who carry guns in the cockpit.
 - 5.5. Report distributed the FAA study and action regarding fuel tank explosion potential in airliners.

- 5.6. Report distributed regarding a portable lighting system for Alaska landing strips.
- 5.7. Arcata Eye letter to the editor from Ron Coffman reported by John White
- 5.8. Report distributed concerning the status of Meigs Field in Chicago.
- 5.9. Report distributed regarding the EAA record of experimental aviation accidents and also regarding the growth of this segment of aviation.
- 5.10. Report distributed regarding AOPA concerns and FAA action to monitor/control the cost of updated GPS databases.
- 5.11. Report distributed regarding Public Health and bio-terrorism readiness perceptions by the general public.
- 5.12. Report was distributed regarding the lax procedures used in hiring airport security screeners.
- 5.13. An article was distributed regarding the X PRIZE and general aviation's quest for space travel.
- 5.14. Report distributed regarding the opening of an aviation theme public high school in Washington State, thanks to support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- 5.15. Report was distributed regarding the \$14.8 billion cost of O'Hare Airport's expansion plans.
- 5.16. Letter distributed regarding Garberville Airport development from Dennis A. Lichty.
- 5.17. Report distributed regarding the State of Virginia's auditing of security procedures at each of the airports it certifies, including GA facilities.
- 5.18. An announcement by Southwest Airlines of a continuing "adopt an pilot program" to encourage communication between their pilots and fifth graders in public schools.
- 5.19. An announcement of new FAA noise limits for light single aircraft was distributed.
- 5.20. WINGX from Hilton software is on sale for 30% off.
- 5.21. Proposed LNG project information was distributed for members information.

6. Reports

- 6.1. Chairman Jutila – See previous items of discussion, plus AVI8CANDO information.
- 6.2. Airports Manager Jacquelyn Hulsey – see previous discussion items. Airports Manager – Jacquelyn Hulsey is proceeding on FAA grants for fencing at Murray Field and Rohnerville. Also assessing the Dinsmore runway overlay or extension of a of drainage channel.
She will attend the Eureka City Council meeting tonight to present the County's airport master plan. George and Al asked Jacquelyn to discuss the possible ramifications of the proposed LNG facility upon local air traffic and instrument approaches.

Emily was asked if additional written notification to Jacquelyn was necessary to resolve Rohnerville Airport bird issues. Fred and George reported that a DC-3 and another aircraft had bird strikes yesterday. Fred Flores indicated that he estimated that 200 birds are present at the airport and Sheriff's hog farm. Jacquelyn will be asked to discuss this issue with the Sheriff's Department. Emily reported that she has had trouble connecting with the Sheriff's representative.

- 6.3. Director of Public Works – not present.
- 6.4. CAO – not present.
- 6.5. Board of Supervisors – not present.

7. Old Business

- 7.1. Current and Future Regional Jets - Information received from SkyWest is to be forwarded to Dave Dietz of Mead-Hunt relative to ACV expansion plans.
- 7.2. Montgomery Glider's status – pending, deferred to future meeting.
- 7.3. New Committee members to BOS – Chairman Jutila was asked to ask Kyle Gabel to attend future meetings or resign from the Committee.

- 7.4 Were John White's questions forwarded to Mead-Hunt for comment? Unclear if any comment received, but it was reported that they had been forwarded. Some additional discussion took place regarding the formula for forwarding Committee comments to parties for action.
- 7.5 Letter commending Teresa Askew - Secretary to forward to Chairman via e-mail for printing on Committee stationary. Hard copy delivered this meeting.
8. New Business
 - 8.1. See earlier item.
 - 8.2. Potential hazards to aviation – Chuck Goodwin. Cal Trans retrofit to Samoa Bridge and crane height issue. Al Castaldi noted that there should be a Notam issued for this issue. Rich Fenton volunteered to attempt to obtain relevant information from CalTtans.
9. Public Input:
 - 9.1. Pamela Miller related that the impact of an LNG facility upon aviation has not been discussed at other meetings and that multiple meetings are taking place in the community regarding a variety of projects but that no clearinghouse for information exists. She is concerned about losing local control.
10. Date and place of next meeting – The next meeting is to be held at the Airport Manager's Office at ACV on March 23rd at 1800. (Note: Later re-scheduled to March 30, 2004)
11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2007 by Chairman George Jutila.

Date of Signatures: April 27, 2004

Richard Fenton, Secretary
Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee

George A. Jutila, M.D., Chairman
Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee