

MINUTES

Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee

March 27, 2007

6:00 p.m.

ACV Airport Terminal, Manager's Office

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Goodwin at 1800.
- 2) Parking ticket validations were performed and distributed by Emily.
- 3) Roll call - Members: Chuck Goodwin, Chairman, Rich Fenton, George Jutila, Jack Limmer, Kyle Gabel, Alistair McCrone, Dennis Lichty, Bill Davidson. Staff: Emily Jacobs, Airport Division Program Coordinator; Guests: Reg Kennedy, National Weather Service.
- 4) Chairman's Report:
 - i) Chairman Goodwin thanked Jack Limmer for his efforts in helping to bring Wi-Fi internet service to the airport. Jack presented a brief report on the ribbon cutting ceremony, which he attended on behalf of the Committee.
 - ii) Chairman Goodwin asked if there was interest or need for the Committee to inaugurate an annual report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Committee's activities. It was the general opinion that the Board's receipt of our minutes on a regular basis is probably sufficient notification.
 - iii) Chairman Goodwin announced that he has initiated a request for a future meeting with the Chair of the Planning Commission to explore areas of mutual interest. This may help to increase communication and buffer the differing needs and desires of the aviation and development communities.
- 5) Approval of Minutes for the 02/27/07 meeting. The minutes were approved as modified by Chuck Goodwin to include expanded thanks to Vice-chairman, Al Castaldi, and Secretary, Rich Fenton, for their past and continued service.
- 5) Open session to include community guests: Reg Kennedy of the National Weather Service (NWS) presented some information regarding the NWS's past issues with reporting during outages and/or storm conditions. He reported that some difficulty was experienced at Crescent City airport recently due to a change over from FAA supplied and maintained data equipment to an outside vendor's equipment and services. He also asked if there is continued interest in weather observations at Shelter Cove Airport, as cost issues may make these unavailable in the future if there is no aviation interest. The Committee was unanimous in its opinion that these observations are valuable in order to determine Shelter Cove landing weather and general area weather for the area, and specifically, for the Garberville airport.
- 6) Airport Manager's Report:
 - i) Emily reported that video security monitoring at Rohnerville and Murray Field Airports. Systems are being monitored to determine any improvements.
 - ii) Emily and Chairman Goodwin reported that the Committee's final comments for the draft master plan updates need to be turned in immediately. This includes any comments for Dinsmore, Garberville, Murray Field or Rohnerville airports. George Jutila expressed interest in seeing a copy of all comments received, to date, by the consultants.
 - iii) Dennis Lichty indicated that installation of a new vehicle entry gate is needed at Garberville and also that the combination lock is almost impossible to operate due to weather and wear and tear. Emily will have a new lock delivered during the next maintenance cycle at the airport.
- 7) Airport Reports From Committee Members:
 - i) Garberville: Dennis Lichty reported that the community service that was to be performed by the girls involved in the New Year's vandalism incident has been completed satisfactorily by the parties involved. The owner of the most heavily damaged aircraft has had it repaired and it was reported that his insurance would not pay to reimburse him for the repairs. The damage estimate was reduced from the previously reported \$4000 to approximately \$2700. It was not reported whether or not legal charges have been filed for the acts of vandalism or for repair cost reimbursement.

- ii) Rohnerville/Dinsmore: George Jutila reported that he plans to set up a future appointment to meet with the BEACON reporter who has written recent newspaper articles regarding airport users reported desire to explore the creation of an "airport district" in order to operate the field. George once again indicated that the availability of broadband internet service to the airport would be useful. He reports that previously quoted costs are exceedingly high and that a new satellite service provider may be available soon. George also asked that Oakley Giffin be nominated to be the AOPA airport safety network volunteer for Rohnerville Airport. Jack Limmer offered that Mr. Giffin should be asked to call AOPA and that they would accept his offer with gratitude.
 - iii) Murray/Kneeland: The restaurant on Murray Field remains closed and there was no news from Northern Air as to any possible new tenant. Kyle Gabel indicated that he would be very careful in selecting a new operator, due to the previously unfulfilled promises of other tenants. Emily reports that there is an engineer from a local company that operates other area restaurants, who has expressed interest in the available restaurant space.
- 8) Old Business: County Hangar Construction Policy: Jack Limmer asked to speak on this subject as he was able to meet with the Director of Public Works, Thomas Mattson, during the recent Wi-Fi ribbon cutting ceremony at ACV. He reports that Mr. Mattson is interested and open to revisiting the County's current construction/operation policy and that he would attend a future Committee meeting in order to gather Committee comments.
- 9) New Business:
- i) Chairman Goodwin reported that the County has an RFQ out for airport planning consultants and that the final response date for proposals was February 28th. He asked if the Committee would like to request to be a part of the selection process....it was generally felt that there would not be any interest on the County's part for our involvement in the consultant selection process.
 - ii) There is a Planning Commission meeting on April 19th regarding airport safety. Jack Limmer is a member of another committee and will be attending for that purpose. He volunteered to also represent our Committee at the meeting.
 - iii) Chairman Goodwin presented information from a news article regarding a proposed wind farm to be constructed on the ridges southwest of Ferndale. There was some general discussion about the developing technology of wind turbines, with George Jutila commenting that he has visited some of the newer technology units in Mohave. He reports that the blades of the newer units are up to 200 feet long and turn slowly, at about 3.5 knots speed.
- 10) 2007 Meeting Schedule: 4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27.
- 11) Adjournment was at 1851 by Chairman Goodwin.