

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

MINUTES

May 22, 2007

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office
3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1802 Hrs LT
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION -- Members: Chuck Goodwin, George Jutila, Jack Limmer, Rich Fenton, Alistair McCrone, Dennis Lichty.

Staff: Tom Mattson, Public Works Director; Jacquelyn Hulseby, Airports Manager; Jody Wells, Fiscal Assistance.

Guests: Reg Kennedy, National Weather Service; Dayton Murray, Mark Morgan, Jilo Ray, Steve Bowser, Oakley Griffin, Bill Marcoux, Sam Kennedy, Dawnel Sancho (all interested in Rohnerville Airport District formation or members of EAA).
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 2007 -- Approved as submitted via e-mail.
4. OPEN SESSION: Reg Kennedy of the National Weather Service (NWS) asked if anyone uses the Fort Bragg and the Shelter Cove weather reporting that has been available in the past. The NWS has removed their sensing instruments from the College of the Redwoods campus in Fort Bragg and it may not be replaced if there is no interest. The Shelter Cove weather was previously questioned, since NWS funds may be used for other purposes if this service is not found to be useful. Dennis Lichty and Rich Fenton commented that weather information for Shelter Cove and Fort Bragg is important, since the coastal conditions can vary widely within minutes. Dennis also expressed interest in performing this service in Garberville, if desired by NWS in the future.
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
 - Humboldt County Planning Commission's proposal to relocate ACV -- The news media's report of a Planning Commissioner's comments relating to the foggy weather and cancelled flights alleged to occur often at AVC was discussed. See discussion under Airport Reports below.
 - Agreement for Project Administrator Services -- The media report regarding this position and noted that it was an extension of an existing position within the terminal expansion project. This position reports to the County's architect, Tyler Holmes, and performs administrative duties connected with the construction contract.
6. AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT
 - 1) Passenger and Freight Statistics were distributed to Committee members. Passenger enplanements and cargo loads are shown to be increasing each month.
 - 2) Airport District proposal for FOT. Bill Marcoux, representing EAA, was introduced and read a prepared statement regarding the formation of a special district for operation of the Rohnerville Airport. A copy of the statement is appended to these minutes. A short discussion regarding revenue availability from grant sources was held. George Jutila invited guests interested in the County's hangar policy to stay and listen to possible

modifications to the current hangar construction policy. Tom Mattson added some comments questioning why the hangar waiting list for Rohnerville is small not very large if there is a community demand for hangar space. He additionally indicated that if there are issues with the operation of that airport it would be important for these to be brought to his attention for discussion. Mr. Marcoux indicated that his group has officially decided to proceed with this special district formation and feels that the County's performance in the past is what he expects will occur in the future. It noted that the master planning process is almost complete for Rohnerville, and that this will allow future projects to proceed at a faster pace than what has been experience in the past.

- 3) County Hanger Construction Policy – Tom Mattson discussed that the Aviation Division and Public Works Department are looking at the hangar waiting list for each airport, current County construction policy and are open to comments. They will assess the demand and pursue alternate funding sources based on demand. Mead-Hunt is looking at Murray Field for hangar locations and the County has asked their consultants to closely estimate the costs of construction for new hangars. If the demand exists for new hangars at current market rental prices, then they will be built. If no one will rent at these prices, then the County is willing to consider asking the private sector what they can provide within County design and appearance guidelines.
- 4) Hanger Invitation for Proposal -- This IFP is currently listed on the County's website and has been advertised for respondents. There is a walk-through on the site tomorrow. After the master plan is complete and accepted, Rohnerville will also have an IFP issued for possible hangar construction.
- 5) Rohnerville received a \$245,000 AIP Grant for an upgrade to the runway and taxiway lighting. ACV has received a \$1.2M grant to complete the unfunded portion of the current Terminal expansion project.
- 6) The Environmental Assessment for Murray's Security fencing is in review.

B. Projects

- 1) ACV Terminal Expansion and GA Ramp Construction – Terminal project is approximately 30% complete and approximately 50% through the time period for the project. January of 2008 is still the official end date and the contractor is expected to accelerate work soon. Paving of GA ramp is expected to occur soon, with the contractor working on security fencing at this time.
- 2) An FAA grant offer has been received for a runway safety area study, environmental issues and design of an EMAS at ACV.
- 3) Other Airports – Garberville security fencing is still being reviewed for final proposal elements.

7. AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Garberville – Dennis Lichty reports increased traffic recently due to better weather in the area, although few aircraft appear to be staying overnight. Rich Fenton asked if anything was ever considered regarding a possible provision for transient camping facilities at the field, similar to that found at Happy Camp airport. Jacque reported that nothing is currently being considered in this regard. Tom Mattson noted that possibly the Tooby Park campground that is between Garberville and the airport could be promoted for that use. This would require some sort of ground transportation

arrangement. Dennis reported that the Benbow Inn and the Humboldt Inn in Garberville will pick up pilots at the airfield. There is otherwise no ground transportation currently available at the field.

- 2) Rohnerville/Dinsmore – Dinsmore – George Jutila reported that Bobbie Marks is again available to mow the grass if necessary at Dinsmore this year. He also informed the Committee that the maintenance person assigned to Rohnerville Airport is exceptionally helpful and has recently repaired numerous items that have required attention.
 - 3) Murray/Kneeland – Jack Limmer asked if the County's street sweeper could be used on the taxiway and hangar areas at Murray Field to prevent sandblasting objects from aircraft prop blast. It was reported that Murray had been swept and staff was returning for a second round of sweeping. It had been scheduled, but was temporarily postponed.
 - 4) Arcata – Newspaper reports regarding moving the ACV airport were discussed. There does not appear to be any real issues that would be measurably improve considering the extreme cost of a possible move. There also does not appear to be a suitable site that is not encumbered by environmental issues or other considerations.
8. OLD BUSINESS – Planning Commission meeting discussion regarding safety issues at local airports. No one was able to attend this meeting -- no report.
 9. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE: George Jutila asked if the CDF was expected to use the Rohnerville airport for training purposes this year. CDF and others appear to currently use the field for various training activities and that she had recently been contacted by the volunteer fire fighters to schedule training on the airport operations areas.
 10. 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE: 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27
 11. ADJOURNMENT @ 1906 hrs. LT by Chairman Goodwin.