

Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee
May 23, 2006
6:00 p.m.
Airport Terminal, Manager's Office

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCrone at 1802.
- 2) Parking ticket validations were performed and distributed by Jacque.
- 3) Roll call: Members: Alistair McCrone, Chairman; Jack Limmer, Al Castaldi, Rich Fenton, Chuck Goodwin, Kyle Gabel, Bill Davidson, Dennis Lichty, George Jutila. Staff: Jacquelyn Hulse, Airport Manager; Emily Jacobson, Airport Division Administrative Staff. Guests: Tess Seals, TSA; Renee Chappell, Kathy Dillon, Bill Hole, College of the Redwoods
- 4) Approval of Minutes for the 2/07/06, 2/28/06 and 3/28/06 meetings. The minutes were received and will be approved at the Committee's pleasure. Note: There are no minutes for the April 25th meeting, as it was cancelled.
- 5) Open session: to include community guests
Tess Seals announced that she and Sid Hanna, from TSA at SMF (Sacramento), will be sharing the local duties of Mike Kiel until a permanent replacement is in place for the ACV post.
- 6) Airport Manager's report:
 - i) The ACV terminal expansion project bid has been received and was approximately 50% over the engineer's estimated construction budget. Mayan Construction was the low responsive bidder for this project and funding of the overage amount is being pursued through the FAA and a revised grant proposal offer is expected shortly from the FAA. This offer will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance prior to a construction contract award.
 - ii) Bids for the GA Ramp project were received and were also approximately 50% over budget. The project was re-bid and now is closer to the funding available. This bid was from Mercer-Fraser and additional offers of FAA grant funding are now being pursued.
 - iii) The Collins Foundation will be bringing their B-17 and B-24 aircraft to the area on June 9th, 10th and 11th. Jacque will be meeting with the local sponsors and TSA to assure that they are aware of any changed security concerns or operational procedures at ACV.
- 7) Manager's professional activity: None reported.
- 8) Pending public events /aviation meetings:
 - i) Al Castaldi announced that the Airfest 2006 event at Murray Field will be held on September 9th. Jacque asked that her office be informed of upcoming aviation permit activities, as she was not aware of these dates until the permit was issued. Al indicated that Northern Air is the contact and organizer of this event.
 - ii) The annual AVI8CANDO aviation day will be held at River Lodge in Fortuna on September 10th. On September 9th George Jutila would like to hold a ceremony for the proposed John Montgomery memorial at the Rohnerville Airport. He would like to coordinate a flyby of the military planes that will be visiting Murray Field on the same day since this is also the day of the City of Fortuna's centennial celebration. Al Castaldi and George Jutila will discuss this separately, as there may be problems with any changes to their planned flight paths or operations. The proposed location of the memorial on the field will be reviewed with George by Jacque prior to his Board of Supervisors presentation of the proposal.

9) Potential Nominations to HCAAC – none presented

10) Old business and correspondence:

- i) Information was distributed to all members regarding the procedures for building hangars at Murray Field. The County will develop small hangars and they have the money to build approximately six at this time. The hangars are funded by a revenue fund derived from hangar rent income. Jacque noted that the Master Plan and environmental assessment at Murray Field needs to be completed before these funds are expanded. The GA ramp improvements at ACV may allow individually owned hangars to be built at Arcata Airport prior to the Murray Field hangar construction.
- ii) Jack Limmer asked the procedure for removing birds nests in hangars. A short discussion was held and it is generally accepted that the aircraft owner is responsible for the nests removal.

11) New Business

- i) William Hole and students from his class on Historic Restoration at College of the Redwoods gave the Committee a presentation on the ACV Nose Hangar as a possible restoration project for the Community. George Jutila suggested that discussion continue at future meetings in order to try to make the restoration possible. Jacque noted that many amenities for pilots and airport tenants that are lacking at the airport could be provided by a restored building of this size.
- ii) Chuck Goodwin asked regarding the possibility of reactivating the crosswind runway at Murray Field. Al Castaldi related the history of the closure as he remembers it and discussion was held regarding the possibility of reopening this runway. Jacque indicated that any possible reopening would have to revisit the details of the previous closure, which Al said may have included mitigation measures required in order to get another portion of the airport paved during an earlier construction project. It was also indicated that there is insufficient maintenance funding to rehabilitate the degraded crosswind runway surface and that future investigative action by airport staff will occur.. Chuck Goodwin and Alistair McCrone will collaborate on a letter for possible inclusion in the master plan as a comment from the Committee regarding possible reactivation of the runway.
- iii) Alistair McCrone asked regarding the procedure for notice of committee meetings and/or cancellations. Lora Canazari @ BOS was noted to be the final authority on these matters. Posting of minutes was discussed and the approved meeting minutes for the past years will be forwarded to Jacque for inclusion on the County's website, as the Board of Supervisors office no longer performs this function.

12) Miscellaneous Topics

- i) Chuck Goodwin offered thanks to Jacque for her recent efforts in getting airline flights added to the summer airline schedule.
- ii) Garberville has a new pilots lounge according to Dennis Lichty. It is open from 0800 to 1700 daily and offers complimentary coffee and sodas. It is a volunteer effort by Southern Humboldt community members for pilots.
- iii) Al Castaldi noted that he had been interviewed as a pilot by radio station KMUD recently.

13) 2006 Meeting Schedule: 6/27/06, 7/25/06, 8/22/06, 9/26/06, 10/24/06, 11/28/06 -- December to be determined.

14) Adjournment was at 1955 by Chairman McCrone.