

Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee  
May 24, 2005  
6:00 p.m.  
Airport Terminal, Manager Office

- 1) Call to Order: 1806 p.m.
- 2) Parking ticket validations – tickets were collected and validated.
- 3) Roll call: Members Alistair McCrone, Chairman, Al Castaldi, Kyle Gabel, George Jutila, Jack Limmer, Chuck Goodwin, Rich Fenton, Dennis Lichty, Bill Davidson  
  
Guests: Mike Kiel, TSA; Kathy Gallagher, Kay Lorrache (Johnson Lane residents); Joan Arnold, aircraft owner  
  
County Staff: Jacquelyn Hulseley, Airports Division Manager
- 4) Approval of Minutes for the March 22, 2005 meeting. Moved and seconded/adopted as submitted after Committee review. Jacque asked that the Secretary submit minutes to her electronically for posting on the County's WebSite. The minutes have been forwarded in the past to the Board of Supervisors office, but evidently they are not making it to the webmaster for the County. Jacque said that she would check the status of the previous submissions and the Secretary will forward the minutes to both offices in the future.  
  
Note: The April, 2005 meeting was cancelled and therefore no minutes have been submitted for the month of April, 2005.
- 5) Airport Manager's report:
  - a) Standing airport projects
    - i) Fencing Project, Rohnerville - Board approved this construction project and also the fencing project at Murray at their meeting today.
    - ii) Rwy Overlay, Kneeland /approved today - Mercer Fraser = contractor
    - iii) Storm Drain, Dinsmore/approved today - Mercer Fraser = contractor
    - iv) GA Masterplan Updates...comments from the Advisory Committee on the drafts for Dinsmore, Garberville, Murray Field, and Rohnerville will be accepted and forwarded to Mead/Hunt. Jacque asked for these comments as soon as possible since now is the time to get them to the consultant. Public meetings were held in the past month at each airport, and the meetings were reported to be positive. Information was gathered and will be incorporated into the draft plan for the future public meetings. Chuck Goodwin noted that the consultants present at the Murray Field meeting did not seem to know that there is a "pig farm" issue at Rohnerville and a "duck pond" issue at Murray. Jack Limmer noted that the duck pond probably cannot be "planned around" since it is an existing feature at this time, but Chuck feels that the consultants should be aware of its existence and the possible effect on the airport's operations. October/November will be the next community meetings, at which time public input will again be sought on the revised draft plans.

- v) Security cameras are now in hand for Rohnerville and Murray, but unfortunately there have already been some recent vandalism and break-in activities at these locations. George Jutila asked that there be a high speed internet connection to these cameras so that the aviation division can monitor the status of the airports, if desired.
  - vi) Bobby Marks and Mavis Brown were noted as volunteers that should be commended for their efforts in keeping the fences in repair and the weeds down on and around the runway. Chairman McCrone asked to write a letter thanking them for their efforts.
  - b) Finances – No negative issues; all operations seem secure for the future.
  - c) Personnel – Emily filled in recently as a weather observer due to some ACV equipment failure. Horizon has added seven new employees due to the increased flight activities starting in late April.
  - d) Operational statistics and issues
    - i) Enplanements/Deplanements – A table was distributed noting that there is more activity and that there may be a record May level of activity, probably due to the new Los Angeles flights by Horizon.
    - ii) Cargo – no report
    - iii) Security/safety – TSA is writing a contract for the County Sheriff's review in order to allow a deputy on site during screening operations.
  - e) Manager's professional activity
    - i) FAA 1st Annual Western Pacific Airports Conference, Los Angeles, CA May 31-June 3, 2005. Jacquie will have a one on one meeting with an FAA representative to comment on the FAA's treatment of smaller, rural airports.
- 6) Pending public events
- i) Public Meeting re: ACV Master Plan update..Rwy 14/32 enhancements at Azalea Hall, 1705 Gwin Road, McKinleyville, CA, June 23, 2005 from 1600 to 2000. See comments below under Open Session.
  - ii) Open house at Murray Field September 10<sup>th</sup>...10:00 AM until 4:00 PM
  - iii) September 17<sup>th</sup> – AVI8CANDO will have an aviation day at River Lodge that weekend. George Jutila announced this and asked that the County consider having a display created to commemorate Montgomery's achievements locally at Rohnerville Airport during the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - iv) The Rusty Hangar Café at Murray field is poised to open soon. They are going through the County Environmental Health approval process at this time and hope to open within one to two weeks.
- 7) Pending local aviation meetings
- i) June 6, 2005, North Coast Vintage Aircraft Society
  - ii) June 7, 2005, Garberville Rotary
  - iii) September 17, 2005, AVI8CANDO
- 9) 2005 meeting schedule
- a) 6/28/05, 7/26/05, 8/23/05, 9/27/05, 10/25/05, 11/22/05, 12/05 TBD
- 10) Nominations -- No news or issues.
- 11) New business and correspondence – Al Castaldi announced that the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department is starting a Sheriff's Auxiliary Air Posse and volunteers, both pilots and non-pilots are needed.

George Jutila spoke regarding his recent trip to Mohave Airport and the issues and possible encroachment that is confronting the future operations at this licensed "spaceport". They toured SpaceshipOne and the White Knight, as well as many other parts of the airport and it's operations.

12) Open session: to include community guests. The Committee's guests, residents of Johnson Lane, commented and asked for clarifications regarding the proposed ACV runway construction and it's effect on the Johnson Lane homeowners, noting that they are currently deferring any property improvements due to the uncertainty of the County's intentions for their properties. Jacque explained the process, including a timeline of 5 to 6 years of studies, meetings, approvals and permits prior to any possible construction. At this time there can be no set schedule for approval/construction, but public comment is desired at meetings, such as the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting noted above. They also related that there has been a lot of frustration experienced with County officials and the Consultants since the residents feel that they have been invested in the previous proposals and would not answer questions about possible alternatives. George Jutila explained some of the historical and possible future issues facing the airport and asked that all people keep in mind that the planning processes need to accommodate the possible local growth in air commerce fifty years or more into the future. He also asked that any members of the public interested in the future of the other airports in Humboldt County participate in the planning processes currently being developed for Board approval in the near future.

13) Adjournment at 1915 by Chairman McCrone.