

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 24, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office

3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. CALL TO ORDER at 1800 by Chairman Goodwin
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION **Members:** Chuck Goodwin, Alistair McCrone, Dennis Lichty, Jack Limmer, Kyle Gabel, Bill Davidson, George Jutila, Rich Fenton. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, Jody Wells, Humboldt County Aviation Division. **Guests:** Ray Wickel, Pilot; Rob Delsman, Pilot; Reg Kennedy, NWS; Elaine Weinreb, McKinleyville Press
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 27, 2008 - The Minutes were approved with the following changes: Item 8.A.1., last sentence: delete “her boss” and replace with “...the County Public Works Director”. Item 8.A.2., Delete “cheaper” from location in front of “...hangar...” at the beginning of the fourth line of Item 8.A.2. Item 8.A.4., delete “Super” from location at the first word of the sentence.
4. OPEN SESSION (to include community guests) – Reg Kennedy of the National Weather Service presented some upcoming changes to weather reporting formats which are of interest to the aviation community.
5. AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT
 - A. Reports
 - 1) Passenger and Freight Statistics – Reports of enplanements and deplanements were distributed to Committee members.
 - 2) Delta flights – Start-up operation has been very good, with reported 82-85% load factors. Ms. Hulsey has spoken to Delta about the single flight per day during the week, and they may revise this schedule.
 - 3) Possible impact to ACV service due to fuel costs – Ms. Hulsey reports that people are still buying fuel at all airports and she does not anticipate any significant changes due to the increases experienced recently in fuel costs.
 - 4) Murray Field and Kneeland Airport proposed improvements are in environmental review and are on the Coastal Commission’s September agenda.
 - B. Projects
 - 1) ACV Terminal Expansion – Luggage area may be complete by July 7th if all goes well, per Ms. Hulsey.
 - 2) Airport Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) spreadsheet was distributed showing proposed FAA grant funding for projects. Included: Security fencing at Garberville; Design for ACV EMAS Runway Safety Area; Design for ACV Fire Station; Removal and trimming of trees near ACV.
6. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

Garberville: Dennis Lichty reports that the 99’s have re-painted the tie down spaces and that it looks very good.

Rohnerville (FOT): George Jutila handed out information on the current City of Fortuna Master Planning process and invited all to attend a scheduled Fortuna Planning Commission meeting @ 1800 on Monday, June 30th at the Fortuna City Hall.

Staff reports that the Rohnerville runway/taxiway lighting project is to be finished soon. The Whitehead hangar has been re-roofed and a ramp extension to the NW is to be designed. Ms. Hulsey thanked everyone for their work on the recent Airport Day event.

Dinsmore: Staff reports that the runway overlay project is out to bid at this time.

Murray (EKA): The provision of electric power to additional hangars is in process. The County's PG&E billing will be submetered by the County and billed to hangar tenants +20% markup.

Kneeland: Staff reports that the airport will be used for car commercials soon, generating revenue for the County.

Arcata (ACV): The Outback blimp visited yesterday, possibly from Santa Rosa. Early June Collins Foundation P-51 and "Bees" event at ACV was successful, despite the unplanned turnover of volunteer security personnel soon after it started.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Aviation Community Concerns – Letter identification of items following are from Fortuna Pilot Outreach Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2008: – (s) - Sweeping Shelter Cove airport. Ms. Hulsey stated that this airport is not a County of Humboldt responsibility and advised Chairman Goodwin to write a letter to the Shelter Cove Improvement District. Jack Limmer indicated that it should include a statement regarding Humboldt County pilots avoiding the airport because of the issue, and that they are losing pilot business. (p) - Sheriff's Department SWAP issue at Rohnerville has been resolved via new management of the program. (i) - FOT daylight lighting completed; Lighting on ACV Runway 01/19 will not be restored per decision of Ms. Hulsey, who considers it to be a safety issue. Kyle Gabel made a motion that the monthly meetings be held without the Airport Manager present to preclude arguments over issues such as this – no second. Discussion ensued and a decision was made to agendaize the Committee's possible recommendation to the BOS that the ACV 01/19 lighting be restored. (n) – Information on Grants, PFC's - item resolved.

B. Murray Hanger Electrification – Ray Wickel's letter to the Airport Division was handed out and discussed by Mr. Wickel. Ms. Hulsey explained that the County will eventually sub-meter all electricity to hangars, starting with the ones which are being newly electrified. He is concerned about the cost of metering and the indication that the County will allow hangar tenants to choose whether or not they want power. He also is concerned regarding access to water in his hangar location, and whether or not new hangars to be built will have water access. Washing aircraft was a concern, and it was explained that technically, aircraft cannot be washed due to environmental pollution concerns. Therefore, water at the new hangar areas will be for fire protection, not aircraft wash use. It was also explained that individual metering for electricity will involve the County billing individual tenants with an addition of 20% to the individual bills. The work will start on Friday, June 28th, and a completion date will be proposed after that date.

C. Defibrillators at County Airports – Deferred until new County Risk Manager has had a chance to be orientated to the airports and operations.

D. Approving Committee Minutes by E-mail – This was suggested to be tabled due to the difficulty in tracking votes and the lack of an opportunity to have public and/or Committee discussion on Draft Minutes. Approved by Committee to drop this item from consideration.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Raymond Wickel, re. Murray hanger electrification – See notes above in Item 7.B.

9. ADJOURNMENT

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE: 7/22, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25