

Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee
June 27, 2006
6:00 p.m.
ACV 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; Al Castaldi, Jack Limmer, Rich Fenton, Chuck Goodwin, Kyle Gabel, Bill Davidson, Dennis Lichty, George Jutila.
Staff: Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airport Manager; Guests: Heather Burgess, TSA
- 4) Approval of Minutes for the 2/07/06, 2/28/06, 3/28/06 and 5/23/06 meetings. The minutes were received and were approved as submitted with the exception of the spelling correction of Sid Hanna rather than Hammond, as submitted in the 5/23/06 draft minutes. Note: There are no minutes for the April 25th meeting, as it was cancelled.
- 5) Open session: to include community guests
Heather Burgess announced that she will be serving as an interim replacement for Mike Kiel. Her supervisor, Sid Hanna, from TSA at SMF (Sacramento), will also be overseeing the position until a permanent replacement is in place for the ACV post. The recruitment for the position has closed, and the hiring process is proceeding.
- 6) Airport Manager's report:
 - i) Jacque reported that she recently attended a seminar held by Chevron regarding pricing and fuel delivery issues.
 - ii) ACV terminal expansion project bid award is still pending, with no new information reported.
 - iii) The GA Ramp project pre-construction meeting is scheduled for July 10th and construction is intended to be started in August.
 - iv) Jacque shared a thank you letter to her staff from the event organizer for the Collins Foundation regarding the recent B-17G and B-24 aircraft visits to the ACV airport.
- 7) Manager's professional activity: None reported.
- 8) Pending public events /aviation meetings:
 - i) The Airfest 2006 event at Murray Field will be held on September 9th.
 - ii) The annual AVI8CANDO aviation day will be held at River Lodge in Fortuna on September 10th. On September 9th George Jutila will hold a ceremony for a John Joseph Montgomery memorial near the Rohnerville Airport. He has also requested a flyby of the military planes that will be visiting Murray Field on the same day. This date is also the City of Fortuna's centennial celebration and he has arranged a band and other participation by the community.
- 9) Potential Nominations to HCAAC – none presented

10) Old business and correspondence:

- i) George Jutila announced that he has asked his Rotary club for a donation of \$700.00 for a plaque to be located on the Rohnerville Field to honor Jim Mead and Leroy Gates for their contributions to the Rohnerville Airport as FBO's in the past. Chairman McCrone and George will pick out a sample of locally quarried serpentinite to be donated by Kernan Construction for mounting of the plaque. Jacque advised that timing of Board of Supervisors approval for erection on airport property is important if George intends to dedicate the plaque on September 9th, as planned.
- ii) An additional plaque celebrating John Joseph Montgomery is intended to be erected on private property near the airport and a suitable serpentine mounting, also to be donated by Kernan Construction, will be chosen by George and Chairman McCrone.
- iii) George Jutila has asked the College of the Redwoods to "clean up" the original handwritten document "Soaring Flight" as compiled by John Joseph Montgomery during his years of gliding experiments at Rohnerville Airport. He intends to distribute a CD-ROM containing this document as a graphic original and a word processor duplicate created by John Montgomery's great grand nephew to the Smithsonian Institute, aviation museums and land grant colleges.

11) New Business

- i) Chuck Goodwin asked regarding the reported damage to the Kneeland Airport surface by a helicopter that was parked for a period of time on the apron. Jacque reports that the County has investigated and they do not currently think there is any pavement damage, but that they will follow up and check this again.
- ii) Chuck also asked that the County verify if there is an issue with cattle being able to access the runway through the gate to the airport. Jacque reports that the entrance gate has been modified and that this is no longer an issue. A related past issue was that the HSU astronomy club used to leave the gate open, but there is now a walk-through gate that prevents this from occurring.
- iii) A discussion of the Grand Jury report was held, per a request by Chuck Goodwin. Jacque noted that she will be officially responding to the report for the County Board of Supervisors. Storage at the airports by County Departments was discussed and this use may be modified in the future. A new fire truck was noted by Jacque to be in her future airport grant funding requests. The inclusion of difibulators in County buildings and airfields was noted to be a desirable thing by George Jutila.
- iv) Jack Limmer informed the Committee that the land to the east of Murray Field is for sale and that the pending new owner intends to lease the land back to Cal Trans for use as a mitigation bank. The Committee intends to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking them to petition the California Department of Aviation opposing any additional mitigation lands increasing the population of migratory waterfowl near the airport. Chairman McCrone will compose this letter and has asked Jacque to review the finished product.
- v) Bill Davidson reported that the "couriers", based at Murray Field", have added a Cox cable or DSL phone connection with a wireless network at

the old Redwoods Flying Club office. Members of the Committee believe that it would be desirable to add this service for airport users, especially since the initial wiring drop has already been installed. Bill Davidson and Jack Limmer will investigate the cost and feasibility of doing this.

- vi) AB 2501 regarding Santa Monica airport was discussed and a letter to Senator Chesbro and McClintock was presented by George Jutila for Committee signatures. It was agreed that a copy should go to the Board of Supervisors, but that due to time constraints, it was not prudent to wait any longer for action. The letter was distributed and signed by the Committee and Jacque will forward the originals to the Board of Supervisors and the senators.

12) 2006 Meeting Schedule: 7/25/06, 8/22/06, 9/26/06, 10/24/06, 11/28/06 -- December to be determined.

13) Adjournment was at 1905 by Chairman McCrone.

Attachments: Thank you letter to Airports Manager from Collins Foundation representative
Letter from Dr. George Jutila regarding John Joseph Montgomery