

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

MINUTES

July 22, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office

3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1809 by Chairman Goodwin
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION: **Members:** Chuck Goodwin, George Jutila, Kyle Gable, Alistair McCrone, Jack Limmer, Rich Fenton. **Staff:** None.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes for the previous (June) meeting were not available for review.
4. OPEN SESSION (to include community guests) -- None at this meeting.
5. AIRPORT TRAFFIC STATISTICS – Enplanement/deplanement statistics were handed out via Airport Staff Memo as of June, 2008.
6. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE – Note: Items denoted by “(Staff)” were communicated via staff memo to the Committee Chairman.
Garberville: (Staff) – The fencing project will begin in mid-August 2008.
Rohnerville (FOT): George Jutila announced that his volunteer organization, AVI8CANDO, will be requesting permission of the County to use the terminal building for housing a simulator, file cabinet and computer.
(Staff) –
 1. Phase II of the runway/taxiway lighting project will start in mid-August.
 2. The agreement with mechanic Ray Walker is in final review.
 3. The O’Dell hangar has been sold and a lease agreement with the new owner is in final review.**Dinsmore:** (Staff) – The runway overlay contract will be awarded to Granite Construction Company.
Murray Field (EKA): Kyle Gabel informed the Committee that the hangar/office is being painted at the Northern Air business office.
(Staff):
 1. The electrical service to the Gardner hangar unit was completed Friday, July 25, 2008. One light fixture and outlet per unit has been provided. It is not set up for heavy tools, etc., per Staff memo.
 2. Staff memo noted that the California Coastal Commission review of the Environmental Report for the fencing and other projects may be delayed from the August to the October Commission agenda.
 3. Staff memo reported that the Master Plan was accepted and approved by the Board of Supervisors, effective July 22, 2008.**Kneeland:** No report.
Arcata (ACV): (Staff) – The second phase of the new passenger terminal area is due to open in mid-September.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Aviation Community Concerns from April 26, 2008 Meeting at Rohnerville Airport (FOT) -- Lettered items below refer to the Minutes of the previous Pilot Outreach public meeting.

(p) Weed eating by SWAP teams – This item was confirmed to be removed from the list due to a previous Staff report that the Sheriff’s Department is now better supervising the weed cleanup operations.

(j) Mechanic's business agreement requirements – Minimum County standards still need to be published for these businesses. The agreement with Ray Walker, who initiated the current concern, is reported by Staff to be near completion. A motion was made by George Jutila and seconded by Alistair McCrone to request that Staff present a proposed minimum standards document to the Committee for review and comment at the August meeting. The Chairman called for any further discussion and subsequently the motion was approved by vote without additional comment.

(s) Shelter Cove Airport – Rich Fenton volunteered to call the Improvement District manager, Richard Culp, to review Humboldt County pilot's concerns over gravel on the runway and the possible need for a future culvert repair where the creek passes under the south end of the runway.

George Jutila presented a sample airport newsletter from another County and asked if there could be a Humboldt County airport newsletter. He indicated that Ray Wickel has volunteered to assist in it's composition during the summer months that he spends in Humboldt County. There was some discussion regarding the difficulty of keeping a consistent publication without involvement of paid staff members. Chairman Goodwin will request consideration of how this could be accomplished from County Staff.

George Jutila announced that the Harbor Commission meeting is this Thursday, and that attendance is recommended from the Community due to current concerns regarding port development and related issues.

B. Discussion on ACV Runway 01/19 Lighting – Written comments from Vice-chairman Bill Davidson were distributed to Committee members. Summarized, these comments included:

1. Runway incursions are much more likely during day than at night, since aircraft are lighted at night. Also, students use this crossing runway for practice during the day and they are infrequently out at night.
2. Local weather of wind, fog and very heavy rain often make Runway 01 the safest place to land at ACV.
3. When the weather is bad the ACV area is **controlled airspace** and Air Traffic Control (ATC) will not let two aircraft land or take off at the same time.

Kyle Gabel brought up the issue that visibility from the end of Runway 01 to the end of Runway 34 prevents line of sight notice that other aircraft are ready to take off. He indicated that the takeoff issue is a possible safety matter, and that this makes proper communications the only way to determine who is on each runway, lights or not. It was therefore determined, that this possible safety issue of visual confirmation of runway use, may need further discussion. The fact that radio communication, although recommended at non-tower controlled airports, is not required, complicates the issue. The option of night runway lighting is felt by pilots to be an issue that affects the utility and safety of the airport, but the visibility from the end of Runway 01 to Runway 34 appears to be an auxiliary issue, worthy of further discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Final Report of Humboldt County Grand Jury: Murray Field security fencing. Chairman Goodwin presented a summary of the Grand Jury's request of the Committee for comment on the Murray Field security fencing issue. Their Final Report indicated that no response was necessary, as the security fencing is, and will remain, a high priority item for the County of Humboldt and the Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT BY Chairman Goodwin at 1915.

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