

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

MINUTES

July 24, 2007

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office

3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1808 by Chairman Goodwin
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION -

Members: Chuck Goodwin, Bill Davidson, Al Castaldi, Dennis Lichty, Rich Fenton, George Julita.
Staff: Jacquelyn Hulsey.

Guests: Crystal Henson, Cal-Fire/CDF

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 26, 2007 – Approved as submitted via e-mail.
4. OPEN SESSION (to include community guests) - Crystal Henson of CDF introduced herself as the new Battalion Chief for CDF at Rohnerville. She has just begun at the position and will be meeting with the Division to review the lease agreement for their facility at Rohnerville.
5. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Reports

1) Passenger and Freight Statistics – Handouts were distributed showing a steady increase in enplanements/deplanements for ACV over the last year.

2) Aviation Division was successful in securing approximately one million dollars for Sheriff's Law Enforcement staffing at ACV for five years, \$800,000 for a new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Truck at ACV, and funding to Start the Runway Safety Area Study at ACV.

3) Runway and taxiway lighting improvements at Rohnerville are due to be started soon. The grant funding was received today, allowing the contract to be awarded and equipment to be ordered. The taxiway lights will be replaced with modernized LED type equipment.

4) Draft Master Plans for Dinsmore, Garberville, Murray and Rohnerville airports will be received and filed by the Board of Supervisors Airport Land Use Commission on August 28th. CEQA procedures will follow this filing prior to adoption of the plans by the County.

B. Projects

1) ACV Terminal Expansion - Foundation for terminal building expansion is complete. GA Ramp has been paved and two "solid" proposals were received for corporate hangar construction at ACV. The County is conducting a topographic survey starting tomorrow to determine possible building sites at Murray Field.

2) EKA Security Fencing –Environmental studies are expected to be complete in October. A discussion was held regarding changing the gate code at Murray and the decision was reiterated that this was a logistical problem and that the security has been successful in controlling vandalism and theft.

3) Other Airports - A discussion was held regarding the reports that there is possibility that hangars are being used for storage rather than aircraft storage. Bill Davidson feels that asking all hangar lessees to list the County as additional insured on their aircraft insurance policies and anyone without an aircraft would immediately be evident.

4) CalTrans proposed traffic signal at Jacobs Avenue, near Murray Field -- A handout of information was distributed regarding the proposal. Committee members were invited to

review the three proposals and comment by 8/17/07 so the County can compile comments to CalTrans by 8/24. The proposed traffic light would realign Airport Road and take a portion of the crosswind runway and maintenance area for the new intersection for access to the airport and crossing Highway 101.

6. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

- A. Garberville – Dennis Lichty reported that new chains have been installed by the County for the tie downs at Garberville. He would like to see the tie down spaces re-painted and Al Castaldi noted that The 99's are always looking for projects to perform such as this.
- B. Rohnerville/Dinsmore – No new information – Al Castaldi asked George Jutila if he knew of anyone who would be interested in being the AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer at Rohnerville. Although George has tried to get a couple of people interested, he has not been successful, as yet.
- C. Murray/Kneeland – Al Castaldi reported no new information other than he is still awaiting the installation of deer fencing, since deer are visible on the property.
- D. Arcata – Al Castaldi noted that it has been reported in the media that the recent runway overrun accident involving TAM Airlines in Brazil may have been avoided if an EMAS (Engineered Mass Arresting System) had been installed on that runway. This is the system that has been proposed as a possible alternate to a runway overrun safety area at ACV. The Airport Manager commented that installation of EMAS will be studied in the expected FAA grant funded Runway Safety Study.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Special District Formation Procedure Follow-up – The proposal that the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) group at Rohnerville has presented for the formation of an Airport District was briefly summarized for our guest from CDF. No new information was available regarding the status of the proposal, except that the group is reported to still be committed to applying to LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) for this purpose.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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- A. Fortuna General Plan Hearing; Impact on Airport – George Jutila handed out some excerpts from the Fortuna General Plan regarding the airport, followed by a discussion of related issues. Jacque noted that she would like to see some language changes to Item TC-6.4 in order to clearly show the City's assumed support for the airport's current flight patterns.
- B. National Weather Service – George Jutila reported that he has recently had a meeting with Nancy Dean of NWS regarding local weather service reporting. She encouraged pilots to call 24/7 for any local observations that would be helpful, and would like to have a local pilots meeting at the NWS office to see what additional help NWS could offer to pilots. A general discussion of continuing user problems regarding weather briefings and flight plan filings with contractor Lockheed–Martin was held.
- C. This year's annual AVI8CANDO meeting will be at River Lodge in Fortuna on September 22nd. George Jutila has asked Nancy Dean of NWS to do a presentation at this meeting.

9. 2007 MEETING SCHEDULE: 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27

10. ADJOURNMENT @ 1925 HRS LT by Chairman Goodwin