

# Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee MINUTES

July 28, 2009

6:00 PM

Aviation Division Office  
3561 Boeing Ave, McKinleyville

1. The meeting was called to order @ 1800 by Chairman Goodwin.
2. **Members Present:** Chuck Goodwin, Bill Davidson, Dennis Lichty, Alistair McCrone, George Jutila, Rich Fenton, *Jack Limmer*

**Members Absent:** Kyle Gabel, Dax Williamson

**Guests:** Mike Glass, Bill Rush, Elaine Weinreb, McKinleyville Press, Nancy Maas, Al Castaldi, Ezequiel Sandoval, Dave Carlisle, FAA

**Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airports Division Manager

3. The Minutes of the Committee meeting of June 23, 2009, as submitted by Jack Limmer, were approved with the correction that the Chairman, with unanimous consent, had appointed Jack Limmer as Secretary pro tem for the previous meeting.
4. Open Session: No community comment at this time.
5. Airport Manager's Report:
  - A. Reports - Statistics were handed out for passenger service and the numbers for enplanements are up slightly. Freight statistics are to be received on a quarterly basis, as previously agreed.
  - B. Projects
    - 1) ACV Terminal Expansion – The contractor has a number of punchlist items to perform and the final portion of this project will probably take up to 30 days to complete. The baggage system is now operational and most punchlist items are of a minor nature.
    - 2) ACV Runway Safety Improvement Project -- A community meeting was held in McKinleyville on July 14<sup>th</sup> to disseminate information to the public regarding the upcoming Runway Safety Area construction project. Ms. Hulsey thanked the McKinleyville Press for their front page article on the meeting and the information that they provided. There were about 10 attendees, and they were generally happy to hear the information, according to Ms. Hulsey. The construction project bid for this project is to be received tomorrow.
    - 3) Delta currently plans to curtail ACV passenger service for the winter season in September, but their passenger numbers are currently up. The

airport manager said that another airline has approached the County, but that no substantive discussions have occurred. There is no indication that the other airlines are currently planning to add seats to make up for Delta's absence, since, in general, all companies are cutting back slightly.

- 4) This Friday will be the AWOS system bid opening for Rohnerville and Garberville airports. The AWOS system planned for Eureka Murray airport will follow after the security fence project is completed.
- 5) The Murray Security Fence project environmental report has just been finished and an application for funding is to be prepared by the Airports Division for submission in January of 2010. Murray Field was also noted to be inspected by the State of California on Thursday.

#### 6. Airport Reports From Committee Members

- A. Jack Limmer reported on his Committee's work on hangar surveys. He has presented the Director of the Humboldt County Public Works Department with a report on three airport locations and contacts. He also presented Ms. Hulsey with information received this evening from Nancy Maas concerning the Grants Pass airport and their current efforts in this regard. Further discussion occurred regarding the exact process for the County's construction of T-hangars at ACV. The Chairman will deliver the Committee's recommendation to immediately have these T-hangars built, to the Department of Public Works by the end of this week. Subsequent to that, it will be up to the County to continue the process, with no current timeframe for completion of the possible hangars at ACV. Any change in County policy regarding private development of T-hangars at any of the airports awaits the County's assessment of the information that this subcommittee has provided regarding other airports' policies for private development.
- B. Garberville – Dennis Lichty reported that it would be nice if the ramp could be swept again, as it is getting worse. Ms. Hulsey will check and schedule this. Dennis also reported slightly higher transient traffic recently.
- C. Dinsmore – Grass mowing has been completed.
- D. Rohnerville – George Jutila reported that the area has recently been cleaned up and Ms. Hulsey reported that the monument area was restored after the clean up was completed. The lease agreement for AVI8CANDO has not yet been completed and Ms. Hulsey will contact the County property manager to check on this.
- E. Eureka Murray – Internet access was discussed and Ms. Hulsey offered to ask Emily to call Ezequiel Sandoval to discuss current options for this possibility.

#### 7. Continued Business

George Jutila presented a letter he received from Congressman Don Clausen to support the naming of the aviation building at Rohnerville Airport in honor of Roy Gates and Jim Meade, two men who have made significant contributions to the local aviation community. A plaque was discussed and it was decided to have the Chairman draft a letter to the Airports Manager requesting this action. This subject was originally brought to the Committee's attention by a community member who

wrote to request the renaming of the airport in their honor. Considering the difficulty of an airport name change, the suggestion of naming a major improvement in their honor was entertained.

8. New Business and Correspondence

A letter has been received from a private individual who claims to have purchased a parcel of land that includes a portion of the Dinsmore Airport runway. The County believes that this may be a misunderstanding, but is checking into it at this time. Jack Limmer noted that frequent errors occur when the overlay maps commonly available online are used to check land boundaries. Research into the fee title history of both parcels should resolve the matter and this will be initiated by the County Lands Department.

9. There being no further business, Chairman Goodwin adjourned the meeting at 1901.

10. 2009 Meeting Schedule: 8/25, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24.

Respectfully submitted by: Richard Fenton, Secretary

Date: 8/24/2009