

# Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee

## Minutes

August 24, 2010

6:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1804 by Member Jack Limmer, in the Chairman's absence due to illness.
2. ROLL CALL **Members Present:** Jack Limmer, Kyle Gabel, Alistair McCrone, George Jutila, Chuck Goodwin, Rich Fenton. **Members Absent:** Dax Williamson, Dennis Lichty, Bill Davidson. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, plus two Mead & Hunt representatives. **Guests:** See scanned attendance list.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 27, 2010. A motion for approval of the July 27, 2010 Minutes was made by Alistair McCrone and seconded by Chuck Goodwin. The Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.
4. OPEN SESSION – Ray Wickel asked for information regarding the County's recent ACV hangar inquiry letter. (Note: This item will be a part of the Airport Manager's Report.) Chuck Goodwin asked that the airport manager provide the contact information for writing to the airlines, including any possible additional airlines that may be interested in providing service to the area. He also informed the Committee of the published public bidding notice for the ACV Terminal Expansion corrections that were mentioned by the Public Works Director at the last Committee meeting.
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
No report this meeting due to Chairman's illness.
6. AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT
  - a. Ms. Hulsey indicated that there have been nine positive responses to the County's letter of inquiry for new ACV hangars. All respondents have until September 15<sup>th</sup> to respond. These were all new respondents from the waiting list, and not people who might want to transfer existing hangars. There was some audience question regarding the number of hangars to be built at ACV, since the Public Works Director's comment at the last meeting indicated that not all of the 17 would be built at ACV if the demand was not there for most of them. There is no indication of how many need to be committed to in order to build seventeen at ACV, but it was clear that if most of the units are spoken for, the construction economy of scale would make the full build-out of 17 most economical in cost per hangar. The County provided Mead & Hunt with direction to fit the most hangars possible on the chosen strip of land, and changing the number of nested hangars is not done in ones or twos, due to the efficiency of space utilization.
  - b. Jeff Leonard of Mead & Hunt presented preliminary plans for ACV hangars. This will include a small pilot's lounge and individually metered electrical services for each hangar. Telephone and cable service conduits will be installed to each hangar, should individuals request service. The Pilots Lounge location was discussed, as well as the location of the electrical room. Wi-Fi internet access was requested to be available for the Pilots Lounge, and this was noted by the design team. Members of the audience questioned what is necessary in order to have hangars built at Murray Field, Rohnerville,

or Garberville airports, as this is where they believe that the true demand exists for aircraft housing. Ms. Hulsey indicated that the earlier required airport master planning has been completed for all of the airports and that private box hangars are ready to be built if desired at Rohnerville or Garberville. Murray Field would still require a fire line extension in order to build any new structures. The timeline for the actual construction of the hangars at ACV was questioned by Ezequiel Sandoval and Nancy Maas, as they were led to believe last year, by County Public Works, that these hangars would be completed this last spring, and again later, to be under construction this fall. Mr. Sandoval specifically asked for a clear timeline for construction and for project accountability within the County. Ms. Hulsey indicated that County and Committee comments on the preliminary design drawings are necessary in order to complete the design and obtain estimates so that construction funding can be obtained. Comments are requested from the Committee and any other individuals by September 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. This will be set up as a public meeting for any individuals with comments at the County Public Works Department by Ms. Hulsey, who will confirm the above date and time via e-mail. Chuck Goodwin asked that the County also check to be sure that this would not be construed as a Committee meeting, due to the possibility of multiple members of the Committee attending.

- c. Mead & Hunt responded to a request for their preliminary cost estimate for the 17 ACV hangars with an estimate of about \$900,000. The Mead & Hunt representatives also indicated that a recent bid for another similar hangar project came in at about 25% under their estimates due to the current competitive bidding climate. Although it cannot be depended upon, current hangar construction costs appear to be somewhat lower right now due to both the relative prices of steel and the construction economic slowdown.
- d. Chuck Goodwin asked that the out of date project spreadsheet for all County airport projects be updated, and Ms. Hulsey indicated that Mead & Hunt would perform this duty.
- e. Murray Wildlife Exclusion Fence Report – According to Ms. Hulsey, a design contract will go before the Board on September 14<sup>th</sup>, with expected approval. Design work will be approximately 90 days, followed by construction estimates and a County AIP grant application for FAA funding for the actual construction of the project. Ms. Hulsey indicated that construction would probably start sometime next year, dependent upon FAA action on the County's grant request.
- f. Lighting at ACV Runway 01/19. Ms. Hulsey indicated that a one hour response time for prior request lighting operation is being considered by the County, but that she needs CAO approval for the anticipated staff standby and overtime expenses. She expects an answer on the issue prior to mid-October due to publishing deadlines for airport notices.
- g. Jeff Leonard, of Mead & Hunt, presented an update of the current construction contracts on the airport property. The re-commissioning of the ILS is intended to be on schedule, towards the end of September. Ms. Hulsey indicated that the County is leaving the ACV Terminal open at night and providing donuts and coffee to passengers who have been inconvenienced by the ILS closure and subsequent flight cancellations. She indicated that about 1/3 of the airport's flights have been cancelled since this portion of the project began.

## 7. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

George Jutila asked how it was proposed for GA aircraft to connect to the Terminal side of ACV from the new GA development on the east side of the field. Ms. Hulsey indicated that normal transient traffic will be kept on the Terminal side of the field, as there are only three transient tie-downs in the new eastern GA area, and it would not make sense to separate them from the fueling, rental cars, and restaurant services. Other

GA traffic on that side will be airport tenants, and would need to drive around if any additional services are desired from the Terminal side of the field.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. No further discussion of any items other than as covered in the Airport Manager's Report above.

9. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. No new business presented at this meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT @ 1931 by Jack Limmer

11. 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE: 9/28, 10/26, 11/23

Respectfully submitted by: Richard R. Fenton, Secretary

Date: August 24, 2010

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# ATTENDANCE

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George Gutes

Rick Fenton

Chuck Lockman

Ezequiel Sandoral

Lee Moon

MEAD & HUNT

Jacquelyn Hely

HCO Aviation

Jeff Leonard

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