

Minutes  
Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee  
August 23, 2005  
1800  
Airport Terminal, Manager's Office

- 1) Call to Order: 1802 p.m.
- 2) Parking ticket validations – tickets were collected and validated.
- 3) Roll call: Members -- Al Castaldi, Vice Chairman, George Jutila, Jack Limmer, Chuck Goodwin, Rich Fenton, Dennis Lichty, Bill Davidson

Guests: Mike Kiel, TSA; Joan Arnold, aircraft owner; Ron Coffman, resident; Dayton Murray, aircraft owner & EAA Chapter Vice President; Christy McLain, student pilot; Bill Marcoux, EAA Chapter President

County Staff: Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airports Division Manager & Emily Jacobs

- 4) Approval of Minutes for the June 28, 2005 meeting. Moved by George Jutila and seconded by Jack Limmer – unanimously approved as submitted.

Note: The July 26<sup>th</sup> HCAAC meeting was cancelled and therefore no minutes were submitted for that date.

- 5) Airport Manager's report:

- a) Standing airport projects

- i) Fencing Project, Rohnerville – This project is under construction. Murray Field has had a recent installation of an electric fence to discourage deer on the airport property. It also is currently under construction with higher cyclone fences and a new automatic entry gate system being installed. Card access and keypad access will both be provided since some operations, such as freight and couriers, may have too many employees to allow issuing cards to all of them. It was noted by Al Castaldi and others that the higher fences have not eliminated the deer problem, as animals continue to be sighted on runways and taxiways.
- ii) Runway Overlay, Kneeland -- This project has been extended due to some concerns regarding the curing of the asphalt overlay. It is due to be back in service shortly.
- iii) Storm Drain, Dinsmore – This project will start after the Kneeland Airport is back in service. The same contractor is to perform this work.
- iv) ACV terminal expansion planning is progressing.
- v) The ACV GA ramp plans will be on the September 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Consent Agenda and members are invited to be present. Chuck Goodwin noted that as a Consent Agenda item, there is not likely to be any discussion of the item.
- vi) Draft Airport Master Plan Updates – Discussion of this item was deferred to the end of the meeting in order to allow public input from guests on other subjects in a timely manner. Instead of review at this time, Jacque requested that Committee members review the documents for Dinsmore,

- Rohnerville, Garberville and Murray Field airports after the meeting and report back with comments for the consultants via e-mail within one week.
- vii) Security cameras have been installed at Murray, but there are “bugs” in the system and they need adjustment. Rohnerville cameras will not be installed until the Murray Field issues are resolved.
  - viii) The automated fuel system at Garberville was operational on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Increased fuel sales were immediately seen, indicating that it was a needed improvement for the airport.
  - ix) The Board of Supervisors approved the grants for design funding of FOT (Rohnerville) runway and taxiway lighting and for the design of taxiway B & G improvements at ACV(Arcata-Eureka). They also approved EA?? At Murray Field. All of these are AIP funded by the FAA.
- b) Finances – No negative issues; the balance of the year looks good.
  - c) Personnel – Preparations are being made to hire two additional Airport Service Worker personnel due to upcoming planned retirements.
  - d) Operational statistics and issues
    - i) Enplanements/Deplanements – The report for recent operational activity indicates that there are increased travelers for all routes, and that the Los Angeles route for Horizon has not decreased ridership on any other routes. Horizon has previously been asked to resume the ACV-PDX-SEA flight that was discontinued when the Los Angeles service was begun in late April. It is reported that they still have an equipment shortage, but the County will continue to request the resumption of this service.
    - ii) Cargo – no report
    - iii) Security/safety – The TSA contract has been approved by the Board of Supervisors in order to allow a deputy on site during screening operations.
  - e) Manager’s professional activity
    - i) Jacques will attend the Western Regional Airports Association meeting at Lake Tahoe and will have a one-on-one meeting with the FAA’s regional manager.
    - ii) Jacques is also meeting with Mike Thompson next week regarding funding for the airport expansion and improvements.
    - iii) Jacques is working with College of the Redwoods, Headwaters Fund, and others to try to repair and maintain the existing aircraft hanger for possible transient use. A discussion was held regarding the need to have a toilet available for transient and pilot use.
- 6) Pending public events
- i) Open house at Murray Field to be held Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>...10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Al Castaldi confirmed that an F-15 from the Air National Guard in Kingsley (Klamath Falls) will perform a fly-by at Murray at approximately 1400. It was discussed that the public needs to be forewarned of the fly-by in order to be prepared for the possible noise and in order to alleviate any concerns. The Farm Store has scheduled their pet show on the same day, and the County and Northern Air have worked out an agreement for overflow parking on the airport.
  - ii) September 17<sup>th</sup> – AVI8CANDO will have an aviation day at River Lodge that weekend. A barbeque has been planned as a fundraiser, but the event itself will be free to the public.
  - iii) George Jutila announced that all work on the John Montgomery memorial desired for the Rohnerville Airport has been postponed until next year, when the group will start fundraising and try to pursue their goal of constructing this memorial at that time. The grandson of John Montgomery will be relocating to a local residence soon and will be able to be more involved at that time.
  - iv) A motion was made by Dr. Jutila, and seconded by Chuck Goodwin, that

Committee members be required to attend 75% of the meetings and also not be absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse or forfeit their position on the Committee. The motion was passed after discussion relating to the possibility of any existing bylaws on this subject. Al Castaldi is to speak with Kyle Gabel tomorrow regarding his intentions for membership on the Committee, in order to make room for possible future members who will more fully participate. Attendees who are interested in possible future membership were asked to write a "letter of interest" to their Board representative, with a copy to Jacque and the Committee.

- 7) Pending local aviation meetings
  - i) September 10, 2005, Murray Field Airport Day
  - ii) September 17, 2005, AVI8CANDO
  
- 8) 2005 future meeting schedule
  - a) 9/27/05, 10/25/05, 11/22/05, 12/05 TBD
  
- 9) Nominations -- No news or issues other than as noted in 6.iv. above.
  
- 10) Open session: New business and correspondence –
  - a) Bill Marcoux is the President of a new EAA Chapter that is being started in the local area and Dayton Murray is vice president of this organization. A presentation was made outlining this new EAA Chapter 1418, based in Fortuna. They were encouraged to contact Northern Air and set up an information booth at the upcoming Airport Day at Murray Field. A discussion followed regarding the EAA Young Eagles program and the AVI8CANDO proposed flight operations during this event as related to insurance requirements and field logistics.
  
  - b) Ron Coffman presented a summary of the issues that he felt the Community previously had with the upcoming GA ramp development. He reported that the proposed sewer lateral, with full ownership by the County, is acceptable, since it is in line with the McKinleyville Community Plan, which does not propose any main line sewer extension to the north along Central Avenue. He expressed some dismay over the "negative declaration" environmental planning document that was filed for the project, since increased noise, especially from corporate jets, may be a concern to some nearby residents. He indicated that jet servicing and possible run-ups for maintenance would be a serious noise concern if performed beyond normal working hours. The possibility of McKinleyville Community Plan trail development along the airport perimeter in the County right of way where the proposed sewer lateral is to be developed was also discussed. Ron felt that some grant monies may be available for this and hoped that some spoils from the GA ramp development could be used to supplement the fill needed for this project if it goes forward. Jacque stressed the need for the monies to be kept separate due to FAA funding requirements, but will discuss options with Allen Campbell of Public Works.
  
- 11) Adjournment at 1919 by Vice-Chairman Al Castaldi