

# Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

## Minutes

August 28, 2007

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office

3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1800 by Chairman Goodwin
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION -- **Members:** Chuck Goodwin, Bill Davidson, Al Castaldi, Alistair McCrone, Jack Limmer, Kyle Kabel, Dennis Lichty, George Jutila, Rich Fenton. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airports Division Manager
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2007 – Moved for approval by Alistair McCrone and seconded by Al Castaldi, as submitted via e-mail. Unanimously approved.
4. **OPEN SESSION** (to include community guests) – None this session.
5. **AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT**
  - A. Reports
    - 1) Passenger and Freight Statistics – Enplanement and deplanement statistics were handed out to members of the Committee. There has been a steady increase in all categories from the second quarter totals of 2006.
    - 2) Airport Draft Master Plans – The airport draft master plans will be on the Board Agenda September 4<sup>th</sup> to be received and filed.
    - 3) The Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration environmental report, dated August 24, 2007, for Dinsmore, Rohnerville and Garberville airports was copied to the Committee this meeting. Environmental reports for the other airports are in progress at this time.
  - B. Projects
    - 1) ACV Terminal Expansion is proceeding, with the terminal flooring removed, and some walls beginning to be constructed on earlier completed concrete foundations and slabs. GA Ramp Construction is complete, and proposals for corporate hangars were received by the County.
    - 2) EKA Security Fencing awaits completion of the environmental study for this airport, which is expected to be completed in October. Surveying for future hangar construction has been performed at Murray Field.
    - 3) Other Airports – The Rohnerville Airport lighting upgrade project is continuing. Al Castaldi reported an outage of the Murray Field runway lights recently. The report was immediately investigated by the Airport Maintenance staff and the problem could not be duplicated. It was noted that the contractor at Rohnerville is required to maintain the operation of the lighting system each night and ensure that they work at close of each construction day.
6. **AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE**
  - A. Garberville – Another new aircraft is now based on the field, per Dennis Lichty. He also reports that about 35 pilots got together last Saturday for a community/pilots meeting.
  - B. Rohnerville/Dinsmore – George Jutila reports that the grass is reported to be too long at Dinsmore Airport and may need to be mowed again this season. Bobbie Marks has offered to cut the grass and the County may take advantage of his volunteered services in the future.

C. Murray/Kneeland – No comments except for continued questions regarding possible hangar construction.

D. Arcata – The proposed corporate hangars to be built on the General Aviation ramp will be negotiated with the County this next week. It was also noted that the airport is very busy and that available automobile parking is crowded during these summer months.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Caltrans Safety Corridor – Airports Division comments need to be turned into the Department of Public Works tomorrow. Discussion of the Highway 101 options as they affect the airport included the FAA's indication that the airport property is "federally obligated" and cannot be taken for this purpose and the issue of aircraft safety if there was a signal on the highway, creating stopped highway traffic in front of the Runway 11 approach. It was decided that these comments, as well as, the recommendation that CalTrans consult with the State Department of Aeronautics and the FAA prior to further development of the plan. There also was an indication that removal of trees in this area would possibly impact aircraft safety due to exposed overhead power lines.

B. Fortuna General Plan Update – Dr. Jutila reports that the plan is still in development and that it is not yet in the comment phase for the airport, although the perception is that the City Council members have already taken positions on the airport's function within the Community.

C. Humboldt County General Plan - Update Safety Element – Jack Limmer reports that the Safety Element portion has been dealt with and is not under further discussion.

D. Rohnerville Airport Special District Formation – Dr. Jutila reports that there is no further information or news on the status of this proposal.

E. NWS Aviation Weather – Lockheed-Martin flight service operations were discussed and a variety of personal experiences were related to the group. Al Castaldi reported that the system has been very bad, but is getting better. George Jutila noted that Nancy Dean of the NWS is willing to speak to pilots, although on an unofficial basis, since they are not an official FAA direct weather source.

F. AV8CANDO Annual Meeting - September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fortuna River Lodge. Dick Rutan will be on hand and Jack Norris, who also worked on the Voyager project, will also be a speaker at the conference.

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Jack Limmer reported that people notified him that the County has to lease land to the public if they cannot provide hangars with appropriate facilities for them. The County plans to build hangars at Murray Field and other airports. County Policy does not allow private construct of T-hangars on airport properties.

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

**10. ADJOURNMENT @ 1708 by Chairman Goodwin**