

DRAFT MINUTES  
Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee  
September 27, 2005  
1800  
Airport Terminal, Manager's Office

- 1) Call to Order: 1808 p.m.
- 2) Parking ticket validations – tickets were collected and validated.
- 3) Roll call – Members: Alistair McCrone, Chairman, Jack Limmer, Chuck Goodwin, Dennis Lichty, Rich Fenton, Al Castaldi, Bill Davidson, Kyle Gabel, George Jutila

Guests: Joan Arnold, aircraft owner; Bob Hesse, Arcata resident; Al Rice, Fortuna resident/A&P

- 4) Approval of Minutes for the 8/23/05 meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and corrected to complete item (5)(a)(i). Moved for approval by George Jutila and seconded by Chuck Goodwin – unanimously passed.

- 5) Airport Manager's report:

- a) Standing airport projects

- i) Rohnerville: Fencing Project: Completed. Gate code has been implemented and cards will be required for access. Codes will be changed occasionally for security purposes. Initial card for hanger users will be provided by the County and extra cards will be \$25.00 each.
- ii) Kneeland: Rwy Project 99% complete...second painting of markings 10/17/05. There is a hump in the middle of the runway and this will be corrected soon. Both items will require minor airport closures to complete.
- iii) Dinsmore: Storm Drain to start. This project was delayed until Kneeland was complete and is currently about two months behind the original schedule.
- iv) ACV: Terminal expansion is progressing, will have second meeting with tenants on 9/29/05. Current plan is to expand to the north with approximately 10,000 square foot security and miscellaneous space to be added.
- v) ACV: GA Ramp is currently out to bid and it is an AIP project that has some limitations on the use of the money. T-Hangars will be built by the County in the future. Current bid is for taxiways and other improvements. Some discussion was held regarding the need for hangar size design to accommodate light twins and modern aircraft.
- vi) ACV: Master Plan Updates – ACV tentative presentation to BOS on October 18, 2005 by Staff and Mead and Hunt. BOS will “accept and file” the plan. Public Works will then move forward with the Best Cost Alternative (BCA).
- vii) EKA: Environmental Assessment for AIP projects to improve runway/taxiway lighting and deer fencing will go out to bid on 9/30/05. Improved security fencing and access gates have been completed and operation is similar to Rohnerville. Deer problems are continuing, but it was reported that air horns can be effective to “move them along”. George Jutila asked for a progress report on the ability for pilots to turn on the airport VASI approach to Runway 11 lighting during the day. Discussions with FAA maintenance personnel earlier indicated that there might be a problem with the photocell control that exists on this system. Future WAAS availability was discussed for this airport. George Jutila made a motion which was seconded by Al Castaldi to ask the Airports Manager to pursue WAAS availability at the most airports possible as availability allows. Chuck Goodwin asked that the motion be amended to include the request that the daylight operation of the Runway 11 VASI be included in the motion. Motion unanimously passed, with Al Castaldi

- offering to research the electrical characteristics of the VASI operation with the FAA.
- viii) Tom Mattson is the new Public Works director and he may be able to attend the next Committee meeting.
- b) Finances – 5% rate increase at Murray Field effective 8/12/05. This is part of a continuing review of all airports and other airports rates were previously increased during previous years.
- c) Personnel - Oral interviews for two Airport Service Worker Positions are continuing. Filling these positions will result in only one less than a full complement of staff. These positions are essentially fire and safety personnel.
- d) Statistics – attached. Handout showing enplanements and trends indicated that there is a marked increase that has continued throughout this year.
- 6) Manager's professional activity: Meeting with FAA-SFO-ADO Manager, Andy Richardson, and the FAA Regional Manager, Mark McClardy, to discuss the upcoming airport projects. These meetings took place at the Airport Coalition Association meeting at Lake Tahoe last month. They also discussed the very light jet (VLJ) market and the possibility of the need for increased availability of Jet-A fuel at Murray Field.
- 7) Pending public events /aviation meetings:
- i) Airport Day, Murray Field report – Al Castaldi reported that the F-15 jet flyby from Klamath Falls resulted in many positive comments. There were estimates of 2000-3000 people attending the event. Northern Air indicated that there was some extra cost incurred for their operations and staff, but that it is a community event that they like to put on when they are able. Al was instrumental in getting the F-15's approved by the FAA and sharing the cost to get another jet to the event from Redding. The 99's sold donated ice cream with close to \$1000 raised for their scholarship fund. Dr. Jutila brought a large barbeque to the event and the airport café served numerous lunch orders. The only negative comments seem to be that lines for food and aircraft rides remained long all day long.
  - ii) Avi8Cando report – Dr. Jutila reported that there were 75 attendees with 32 lunch guests for this event. There was an open forum after the presentation by World War II veterans and others. They also had a simulator available for children to “fly” an aircraft during the day. Dr. Jutila also reported on the John J. Montgomery project and presented Jacques with enlarged photographs of his aircraft and also of the SpaceshipOne aircraft by Burt Rutan.
  - iii) AOPA article – Al Castaldi was thanked for providing information to AOPA about the recent local area airport improvements.
- 8) Nominations – N/A
- 9) Old business and correspondence
- a) Thank you letters have been prepared by Jacques to Mavis Brown, Bob Marks, and Ron Coffman. The Chairman will come by during business hours in the next couple of days in order to sign these letters of thanks.
- 10) Open session: to include community guests:
- a) Sheriff's Auxillary Air Posse has completed it's first mission to Redding by delivering needed helicopter parts for the Coast Guard aircraft and returning the air crew from Redding to McKinleyville so that they could go on duty the next day from ACV.
  - b) The Humboldt County Bloodbank donated their older “Bloodmobile” to the ham radio operators of Humboldt County and Dr. Jutila said that the Humboldt County Health Department Director has said that there may be grant money available to implement an emergency preparedness training program for ham radio operation and training.

- c) There were no comments from the public at this meeting.
- 11) AAC meetings: 10/25/05, 11/29/05, December TBD. Jacqué proposed the noted changed November meeting date to avoid a meeting just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The December meeting was proposed to be cancelled due to the holidays, with the option of having two January meetings, as we did this year instead of the one scheduled in December.
- 12) Adjournment at 1928 by Chairman McCrone.