

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

MINUTES

October 27, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Aviation Division Office
3561 Boeing Ave., McKinleyville

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 1800 by Chairman Goodwin – Chairman Goodwin asked for a consensus approval to add Item 9B to tonight’s agenda, “Recommended Reappointment of District 4 Regular Member” – This request was approved by voice vote.
2. ROLL CALL AND PARKING TICKET VALIDATION – **Members Present:** Chuck Goodwin, Jack Limmer, Dax Williamson, Alistair McCrone, George Jutila, Dennis Lichty, Rich Fenton. **Members Absent:** Kyle Gabel, Bill Davidson. **Guests:** Nancy Maas, Jim Maas, Rita Limmer, Jim Pell, Al Castaldi, William Rush, MD, Elaine Weinreb, McKinleyville Press. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airport Division Manager
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2009. Chuck Goodwin asked that the following corrections be made to the minutes: Item 3 – Delete last sentence. Item 6A – reverse the order of the names to list the appointed chairman first, as follows: George Jutila (Chairman), Jack Limmer, Alistair McCrone. Moved by George Jutila and seconded by Dax Williamson to approve the Minutes as amended – Unanimous approval by voice vote.
4. OPEN SESSION (to include community guests) - Nancy Maas discussed the origin of the 99’s organization, which was founded eighty years ago by Amelia Earhart.
5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Chairman Goodwin thanked the County for the ACV dedication ceremony, which was recently held to celebrate the completion of the Arcata/Eureka Airport Terminal expansion project. He also thanked the local media for the newspaper coverage that was afforded to this project.
6. AIRPORT MANAGER’S REPORT
 - A. Reports
 - 1) Passenger and Freight Statistics – Not available at this meeting; freight statistics will be available on a quarterly basis, as previously noted.
 - B. Projects
 - 1) ACV Terminal Expansion Grand Opening Report – See Chairman’s report above.
 - 2) Minimum Standards for Commercial Operations at County Airports – A first draft of the consultant’s document will be available for Committee review at our next meeting. It is now being reviewed by County departments.
 - 3) Runway Safety Area Project - A PG&E line that was in the footprint of the runway extension was relocated recently. A Notice to Proceed for the project construction work has been given to the contractor and a schedule is forthcoming, including how much work is to be performed this year prior to a probable inclement weather shutdown.
 - 4) The Airport Road overlay project from Highway 101 to Central Avenue has begun and should be completed in November.
 - 5) The Airport Division manager reported that she will be meeting with the FAA soon to discuss possible future airport improvement projects.
7. AIRPORT REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE
 - A. Subcommittee for Hangar Construction – No further Subcommittee reports. The Airport Manager reported that the design and layout of possible hangars at ACV will not go to the Board

of Supervisors until sometime in December.

B. Committee Reports:

Garberville – Dennis Lichty reports no unusual activity. The Airport Manager reported that she recently received a telephone call complimenting Dennis and the Garberville airport from a transient pilot. Dennis asked that the pedestrian gate have the gate combination for re-entry noted on a sign on the inside of the fence, and that the fuel signs be upgraded to match the newly painted fuel shed. Ms. Hulsey noted that these items will be corrected in the near future.

Rohnerville – George Jutila reported that he has a contract developed with the County for the lease of space in the terminal building for the AVI8CANDO organization.

Dinsmore – George Jutila asked regarding status of the person who thought they owned a portion of the Dinsmore airport runway. The Airport Manager reported that the person has not provided any more detailed information regarding his claim.

Murray – An AIP grant that is to be applied for @ the FAA in January will allow design of the security fence at EKA.

Kneeland – No report.

Arcata – No further report.

8. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Recognition Plaque at Rohnerville Airport – Chairman Goodwin questioned the next step in obtaining a plaque commemorating Leroy Gates and Jim Meade. It was suggested that the originator of the original request (to re-name the airport in their honor) suggest appropriate language for a 24” x 48” plaque. Chairman Goodwin will contact this person to discuss the details.

B. Automatic External Defibrillators at County Facilities – The Airport Manager reports that a medical group is tentatively offering to supply the instruments and certifications for the installation in the airport, but that the County’s Risk Management Department has not cleared the possible installation of the instruments.

C. AVI8CANDO request for space at FOT – A proposed contract is in hand and the Airport Manager and George Jutila, representing AVI8CANDO, will discuss it soon. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

D. ACV Runway Safety Area Improvements Bid – This item is from the last meeting’s agenda. Construction “Notice to Proceed” has been issued by the County.

9. NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Economic Impacts of Commercial and General Aviation – The Airport manager distributed a CalTrans fact sheet regarding the economic impact of airports, aircraft use, and pilots in California. A discussion of different tax revenues and where they are deposited ensued. The Chair asked if REDEC might have any information of this subject. The Airport Manager will contact REDEC directly to request information. Dax Williamson offered to forward an economic impact study done for the St. Joseph Hospital by Chico State University. The Committee is committed to assisting in developing this airport economic information and will work with the Airport Division Manager to obtain additional data.

B. Added agenda item: Recommended appointment of Dax Williamson as a Regular Member from District 4 in lieu of Kyle Gabel, who would become an Alternate Member of the Committee. This item was noted by Ms. Hulsey to be a decision for the Board of Supervisors to make. The Chairman will forward the Committee’s request to the Board of Supervisors for action.

10. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 1855.

11. 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE: 11/24

Respectfully submitted by: Richard Fenton, Secretary

Date: 10/20/2009