

# HUMBOLDT COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

March 22, 2011  
6:00 PM  
Prosperity Center  
520 E Street, Eureka, CA 95501

1. The meeting was called to order at 1802 by Chairman Gregg Foster. **Members Present:** Chuck Goodwin, Jack Limmer, Rich Fenton, Gregg Foster, George Jutila, Kyle Gabel, Dennis Lichty. **Members Absent:** John Ash, Alistair McCrone. **Staff:** Jacquelyn Hulsey, Airports Manager. **Guests:** See attached list.
2. Open Session for Community Input – Lindsay Locke, President of EAA 1418, announced that the Experimental Aircraft Association is hosting a Young Eagles event at Garberville Airport on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1100. They will also honor a local EAA member and aviator, Lee Whitehead, as it is his birthday.

Chuck Goodwin congratulated the new Chairman, Gregg Foster, on his input towards updating of the County's aviation website, especially the Aviation News portion of it.

3. The Minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following corrections: Ms. Hulsey asked that "@" be replaced with a comma where it occurs in the text of the Minutes. Substitute "attached" for "scanned" under Item 1., last sentence. Substitute "AAC's" for "our" under Item 6.A., third to last sentence. The Minutes were moved, seconded and approved with the changes noted above.
4. Airport Manager's Report
  - A. Report on Trip to Network 2011 Conference - Chairman Foster and Ms. Hulsey discussed their recent networking trip to Austin, Texas and their meeting with various airlines which might be interested in serving this community.

They also discussed the recently announced withdrawal of Horizon Airlines from the Arcata and Redding markets. Chuck Goodwin asked that United Airlines be thanked for their continued long term servicing of the local community.
  - B. Ms. Hulsey reported that the financial impacts from Horizon Airlines withdrawal from the area would affect the Aviation Division's budget. There will be about \$60K less revenues this budget year, and approximately \$214K less for next year's budget.
  - C. **Arcata/Eureka** – The new baggage belt is in operation, including advertising availability in the immediate vicinity.

The T-hangar plans are currently being revised and funding is being sought from the Headwaters Fund, in lieu of the State of California, in order to move forward with the project. The full complement of 17 hangars are still planned to be built.

The Board of Supervisors has recently approved the bluff stabilization project at ACV and it will be bid for summer construction in the near future. George Jutila noted that the Superintendent for Mercer Fraser, Inc. had recently spoken to him and was complimentary of the Aviation Division staff during the last construction project.

Jack Limmer asked about the Zebo Conference Room status – Ms. Hulsey reports that TSA will be vacating this conference room soon. The walls that partitioned off the area will be removed and the area is to be restored to its original condition by TSA after they vacate the space.

William Rush asked about the status of the proposed ACV Runway 01/19 lighting “upon request”. Ms. Hulsey indicated that since the Aviation Division has not yet done their paperwork to get the “on call” persons set up, that it is not yet effective for use other than on a 24 hour advance notice basis. The lighting for these runways is currently published as available by PPR (Prior Permission) in the FAA Airport/Facility Directory. The County is aiming for a two hour maximum notification window via a cell phone call from the pilot which would be relayed from the Airport Manager to the Airport Service Worker for activation. Discussion was held regarding possible ways to reduce the advance notice time, as well as, the logistics and possible problems of using cell phones in order to request the runway lighting activation.

**Eureka Murray** – The final draft of the Airport Layout Plan was recently discussed with the FAA as part of the continuing work on the Wildlife Exclusion Fence project.

**Rohnerville and Garberville** – The AWOS installations for these fields are on hold until April 15<sup>th</sup> due to weather issues. Ms. Hulsey indicated, in response to a question from Member Chuck Goodwin, that all funding and contracts have been approved and work will proceed as weather allows.

**Kneeland** – The County has been working on environmental items prior to the bluff stabilization design exercise.

**Dinsmore** – There has been a report to the Committee of vandalism to an aircraft located in an off-airport hangar at this field. The County was unaware of this action, probably because the hangar is not physically located on the field.

## 5. Old Business

A. Consideration of modifications to the “Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities”. Ms. Hulsey reported that she has received comments from various individuals and intends to have a revised draft document back to the Committee members in two weeks for continued review. Kyle Gabel indicated that he had also commented to the County Aviation office on these standards and Ms. Hulsey responded that she would investigate and locate his comments.

B. Report on Testimony to the Humboldt County Planning Commission Meeting of March 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the Economic development Element of the General Plan – Chairman Foster reported that the Planning Commissioner who had previously brought up the subject of moving the Arcata/Eureka airport has withdrawn his suggestion of relocation, and therefore this item was not extensively discussed at the meeting and he did not need to testify.

C. Recognition of Local Aviator – Chuck Goodwin reported that he will report back on this item at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 6. New Business

A. Letter of Appreciation to Ezequiel Sandoval for Donation of Use of Conference Room for HCAAC Meetings – The Chairman presented a DRAFT thank you letter for the review of the Committee. Jack Limmer moved and Chuck Goodwin seconded a motion that it be transferred to Committee stationary and sent to Mr. Sandoval in thanks for his generous donation. This motion was unanimously approved.

B. George Jutila announced that the online weather cameras are now active at the Rohnerville Airport. They are available at [www.northcoastweather.com/fot01.htm](http://www.northcoastweather.com/fot01.htm) or via a link from the [www.eaa1419.org](http://www.eaa1419.org) site. It was also announced by Randal Locke that similar systems are to be installed at Garberville and Shelter Cove airports.

C. Dennis Lichty announced that he will be moving out of state in July and that he would recommend Lindsay Locke for the upcoming open position on the Committee, since he firmly believes that representation from the southern portion of Humboldt County is important.

## 7. Discussion of Items for April Committee Meeting

A. Defibrillators in County Airports – status update.

B. Final review of the revised “Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities” document – continued.

C. Recognition of local aviator – continued.

8. The meeting was adjourned @ 1709 by Chairman Foster.

## 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE:

April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, and November 22

Attachments: Attendance sign in sheet

*Respectfully submitted on March 24, 2011 by Richard R. Fenton, Acting Secretary*

*Approved, as submitted, by Committee vote on April 26, 2011*

# Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Aviation Advisory Committee

Date:

22-Mar-11

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