

Humboldt County Airport Advisory Committee

MINUTES

July 26, 2016

6:00 PM

Prosperity Center, 520 E Street, Eureka, CA 95501

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dave Ravetti, Kyle Gabel, Tim Callison, Joe Shepp, Justin Zabel, John McBeth, Alex Stillman, Rich Fenton

Members Absent: Dom Buccarelli

Staff: Tom Mattson and Emily Jacobs, Humboldt County Department of Public Works

Guests: Al Castaldi, Jeff Smith, Tim Hooven, Gregg Foster, Steve Bowser, Doug Holsclaw.

The Committee reserves the right to bring presentations by invited guests forward as a courtesy to those individuals.

The presentation under Item 6.A. was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter *not* on this agenda that is under the jurisdiction of the Committee.

(The Committee has the right to limit presentations to three minutes.)

No recorded public comment at this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – 6/28/16 meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Alex Stillman and seconded by John McBeth. Approved by a unanimous voice vote with an abstention by Justin Zabel.

4. AVIATION DIVISION REPORT

A. Airports Projects Update

1. ACV restaurant rehabilitation – No news at this time, per Tom Mattson.
2. Ramones opening date – An August 10th opening date was announced.
3. Garberville runway/taxiway update - The low bid at \$2.1 million was over the currently allocated funds. County will go back to the FAA for approval of the increased bid amount. This request is expected to be approved shortly.
4. Airport Layout Plan (ALP) review
 - a. ACV solar array – Schatz Energy Lab is going to assign graduate students to assess the currently proposed County sites for the solar arrays. This will help the Redwood Energy Authority in their feasibility study for the project.
 - b. Leasing of non-aeronautical land at county airports and MOU review – This will be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

B. Aviation Division Update

1. Aviation Division Manager position update – The Manager position has been unfrozen by the County Board of Supervisors and it is anticipated that it will be filled by existing staff, per Tom Mattson.
2. BOS aviation subcommittee update – This subcommittee will next meet on Aug 10th, per Tom Mattson.

5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Fuel pricing through various vendors – Renner cannot bring 100LL, per Emily Jacobs. Tom Mattson indicated that the County will need to do an RFP for a new supplier of fuel. The Board of Supervisors has not been able to negotiate a new long term contract with the current fuel supplier.
 - B. Clark Museum WW II display at ACV terminal – The exhibit has been opened and is reported to be very well done. Committee members are encouraged to visit and spread the word among the public.
 - C. ACV Airport day / USCG Days dates and events – The 5K fun run has been approved by TSA and will occur as a part of the Coast Guard 100 year celebration on August 27th. The EAA Young Eagle flights will also occur at ACV on this day. Tom Mattson offered to sell fuel at cost to the EAA volunteer pilots who will be participating in this program.
 - D. Call to action: Letter to FAA regarding Murray (EKA) Remote Communications Outlet (RCO) closure. There has been no updated response from the FAA.
 - E. Aviation Appreciation Month – This will be presented at the August 9th meeting for review and possible approval, per Tom Mattson.

6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Central Avenue Hash Lab – Presentation by Jeff Smith and Tim Hooven regarding a proposed project to use 2.9 acres on Central Avenue for a marijuana related business. This project has been reviewed and found to meet the current density requirements for Zone A. It is recommended to be forwarded to other agencies for review. The motion was made by Tim Callison and it was seconded by Alex Stillman. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote, with an abstention by Rich Fenton.
 - B. Fly Humboldt Update – RREDEC – Gregg Foster presented a summary of the current possible airline routes and operators. He is also working with PennAir to discuss current route structures and pricing out of ACV.
 - C. New transportation sales tax 2016 – ½ cent new tax, with all member agencies approving the proposed expenditure plan, but with Fortuna not supporting the ballot measure, as they are proposing their own local tax measure. HCOG is proposing and promoting this ballot measure.
Ref: <http://www.times-standard.com/general-news/20160705/supes-advance-tax-measures-coastal-business-expansion-receives-public-support>

7. ITEMS for the August 23, 2016 Committee meeting
 - MOU's for leases at airport property.
 - Automated fuel pump will be installed at ACV soon, as it has been ordered.
 - Ramones opening update.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 2012 by Chairman Ravetti.

Respectfully submitted on August 15, 2016 by Richard R. Fenton, Secretary