



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

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Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

6:00PM

Hybrid Meeting

On ZOOM or in person at ACV conference room

In Person:

Conference Room 2nd Floor of ACV Terminal
3561 Boeing Avenue, McKinleyville, CA 95519

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 6:06PM

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

Committee Attendees: Alex Stillman, Chris Nelson, Kyle Gabel, David Marshall, Ben McWhorter
Absent: John McBeth, Justin Zabel, Caleb Leshner, Lt. Blake Thompson

Staff: Cody Roggatz-Director of Aviation, Cathy Canepa-Senior Administrative Analyst, Curt Eikerman-Airport Operations Manager

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on matters *not* on the agenda and under the jurisdiction of this Committee (Presentations limited to three minutes.)

- A. Deer that are unafraid of aircraft have been an increasing concern at FOT. It was suggested that either a NOTAM needs to be issued or the deer need to be removed somehow. Operations Manager, Curt Eikerman, noted that a NOTAM was issued December 1st and that a previous depredation permit was in place but is now expired. Staff will work with Department of Fish and Wildlife to explore the possibility of renewing that permit. Additionally, Airport Staff discussed a Wildlife Hazard Assessment (WHA) Project is underway at FOT and EKA. The ultimate goal at the completion of the WHA is to pursue grant funding for improved perimeter/wildlife fencing.
- B. There was public comment regarding maintenance, work order requests, and upcoming hangar improvements. Staff identified that they will look into some of the smaller maintenance repairs that have been filed to see what can be accomplished before the larger hangar improvements project kicks off later this year.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – December 6, 2023

- A. Motion to Approve: Alex Stillman Approve: 5 Oppose: 0

4. DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION REPORT

A. Airline Update

Staff is still awaiting the final December statistics from the airlines, but it is anticipated that with those numbers, ACV will be in the ballpark of 118,000 enplanements (departing passengers), which is 8-9% higher than the highest year previously. Enplanement statistics have direct impacts on future funding and the willingness of airlines to enter a market. Conversations have continued with multiple airlines to recruit a northern route, though due to pilot constraint issues, we are not anticipating a market entry until at least 2024.

B. Murray Trees

Staff have been continuing the work to address tree removal at Murray Field with both County Counsel and Planning and Building. Conducting a land survey has been identified as the next step due to unclear historical records regarding land ownership.

C. Visit to Las Vegas-National Air Show Convention

Staff have been contacted by parties showing serious interest in having an airshow at ACV in August 2024. ACV has commitments for at least 5 WW2 and Korean War era aircrafts to participate. More to come as planning efforts continue in the upcoming months.

D. Parking with Landscaping

Armstrong Consultants are approaching final design of the ACV parking lot upgrades and should have a final document available in February or March. Landscaping will be a part of this project.

E. Infrastructure Maintenance Priorities – Update since December Meeting

Staff indicated that infrastructure upgrade priorities include VASI/PAPI replacement at Murray Field, replacement of the fuel tank at Murray Field (currently waiting on environmental permitting), the press release for the runway project timeline and associated closures, ACV parking lot rehabilitation, and hangar improvements.

F. Internet for O16 AWOS

The last information received from All Weather Inc. indicated they would be out to complete the repair in the next two weeks. Staff indicated they would send out notice to the Garberville user group once the AWOS was up and running.

G. Art in the Holding Area

Shortly after last month's meeting, art was hung in the holding area by Redwood Art Association with assistance from Airport Maintenance Personnel.

H. County Vacating Buildings Due to Rent Increases

After the airport appraisals concluded, the District Attorney's Office who was renting half of a smaller building, and motorpool who was renting a small space in a large warehouse, both vacated the spaces. These spaces are now being utilized for storage of newly acquired equipment and airfield maintenance materials.

I. Staffing Update

There are currently three vacant positions – two airport service worker (ASW) positions and one building maintenance (BMC) position. Staff are working on the final steps for hiring one ASW and one BMC and are waiting to receive the final stack of applications from HR for the final ASW vacancy.

J. Operations Report/Presentation (Including CARES Act Equipment Acquisitions)

Curt Eikerman, Airport Operations Manager, presented a report on the impacts from the December earthquake and early January storms. Damage included leaks to a hot water heater at EKA, minor sheetrock damage to an office space, damage to roofs on a few buildings, fallen trees on perimeter fencing, and a downed flagpole.

Curt also compiled a spreadsheet of equipment acquisitions paid for using CARES Act Funds, as requested by the committee. Committee Vice Chair, Chris Nelson, requested a copy of the slide deck and a copy of the equipment acquisition spreadsheet disseminated to the committee alongside these minutes.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS UPDATES

A. CalPoly Aviation Club & Simulators (Dave Marshall)

The CalPoly Humboldt Aviation Club would like to facilitate an “Airport Day” at Murray Field. A preliminary date of May 6th has been discussed, but there will additional information to provide the committee as conversations and planning continue. Committee member Kyle Gabel indicated that events like this in the past garner community participation and are highly popular, so we should plan for a high turnout.

Committee Chair, Alex Stillman and Committee member, Dave Marshall discussed the CalPoly library flight simulator. This is a great asset for the community and getting young people interested in Aviation.

B. Murray Field Aviation Days (Dave Marshall)

This was discussed as a part of item 7-A.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9. ADJOURNMENT – 7:36 PM