



**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
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**Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
6:00PM  
ZOOM

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

**Committee Attendees:** Alex Stillman, Chris Nelson, John McBeth, Ben McWhorter, Caleb Leshner, Lt. Ryan O'Neill, Justin Zabel, Kyle Gabel, David Marshall

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

**Others:** Jaison Chand, Doug Holsclaw, Greg Bickel, Erik Hakenen, Rex Bohn, Bill Wickman, Susan Sack, Kyle, Dax Williamson, Jim Redd, Tyler Lake, Tim Lorenzo, David White, Scott Machen, Brad Finney, Sonia Waraich, Meggodlewski, Charles Ellebrecht, Mel Selinger, Sally Biggin, John Vandermolen, Bob Hamilton, Bryan Davidson, Tom Jackson, Steve Pritchard, Andrew S., Mel Selinger, Craig Hansen, Georgia Sack, David Guerrero, Lee Rector, R. Russell, Melissa McCaffrey, D.B Cooper, Dan Brattain, Rose Hanan, Derek Watts, David Guerrero, Georgia Sack,

**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. There was public comment regarding the lack of a flight school and fuel at EKA. Public commenters urged the County to replace the fuel tank and offer self-serve fuel. This is on the agenda under item 5-C

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. January 25, 2022 – Approval of these minutes will be pushed to the March meeting.

**4. DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION REPORT**

**A. Airline Updates**

Cody Roggatz and Gregg Foster went to San Antonio and met with seven airlines (some current carriers for ACV, others are potential new carriers) with an emphasis in recruiting a northern route. They heard from airlines that the pilot shortage is worsening.

**B. Coffee Shot RFP:**

RFP is available on Humboldt County website & has a close date of March 18, 2022 at 17:00. Link: <https://humboldt.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=409>

**C. EKA Fuel & Cardlock**

Humboldt County Supervisors are very aware of the fuel issues at EKA and have asked the Aviation Department to bring forth a proposal for replacement with recommendations. Committee Members & public participants are encouraged to attend the meeting and voice concerns/show support for the item as the decision for replacement is up to the Board of Supervisors.

There was extensive public comment regarding safety concerns with lack of fuel at EKA, cost of fuel upon replacement, longevity of 100LL fuel compared to regular gasoline, quantity of fuel potentially increasing due to higher demand after replacement and the necessity of a maintenance plan upon replacement.

**D. Recruitment Efforts for Staff in Office & ASWs:**

Office positions are filled. The Board of Supervisors was supportive of previous item to add additional 4 ASWs. Currently 8 of the 12 allocated ASW positions are filled and the job recruitment is reposted.

**E. PAPI Update at EKA**

There is no update from last month. The FAA does have this on their list to take over and replace, but does not have a definitive date of when this expected to happen.

There was public comment urging this to be prioritized as it was damaged more than 10 years ago and had been approved for repair.

**F. Trees at EKA**

The County addressed one of the issues and is now working on signing an agreement with an arborist, as well as work with the adjacent landowner to access the tree through his property.

**G. Audit Completed for CARES Act Funds:**

1. Fuel and Card Lock at Murray – Will be addressed using CARES Act Funds. Was unrelated to audit completion.
2. Landscaping – Will be addressed in System Wide Study (AIP Project with Armstrong Consultants)
3. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Install – Working with ADA Team on this project. Will be addressed using CARES Act Funds. Was unrelated to audit completion.
4. Painting the Terminal - Will be addressed in System Wide Study (AIP Project with Armstrong Consultants)
5. Elevator Upgrade for Second Floor Access - Will be addressed in System Wide Study (AIP Project with Armstrong Consultants)

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

A. GA Bathrooms at ACV:

This is completely dependent on the next item, 5-B

B. FBO at ACV:

There is more to come on this, but likely there will be an announcement in the next 3-5 months.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. GA Cameras:

Dave Marshall has been working with Curt Eikerman and CalFire to see how we can address and upgrade the current camera system moving forward. He is hoping to put together a club with undergraduates who can help lead the coordination.

B. County Aviation Department Goals for Facilities at EKA:

The County is focused on trying to continue FBO services to the greater community. The Aviation Department has received calls from parties interested in leasing the EKA community hangar for various uses.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES:**

- A. David Marshall is working with the HSU Library to find funding for an advanced aviation device that will be located in the library for pilots to do training and log hours through. He hopes to provide updates within the next 6 months.

**8. IDEAS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- A. Signage for EKA code when pilots leave
- B. EKA Drive through gate repair

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**