



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION
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**Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 23, 2021
6:00 PM

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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: Ben McWhorter, John McBeth, Chris Nelson, Kyle Gabel, Justin Zabel, Alex Stillman

Absent: Brian Renner

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

Others: Peter Lehman, Chuck Goodwin, Bill Wickman, Dana Boudreau, Doug Holsclaw, Oona Smith, Erik Hakenen, Steve Pritchard, Phil Benson, Bob Hamilton, Richard Fenton, Robert McAndrews.

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. Ooana Smith: HCAOG

There are updates to the regional transportation plan.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – March 23, 2021 – letting stand

4. PRESENTATION – MICROGRID: Schatz Energy Research Lab (HSU), Redwood Coast Energy Authority - Peter Lehman and Dana Boudreau

Microgrid construction occupying 7 acres on South-West side of Airport property has begun after passing final FAA tests. Community benefits include resilience to airport and Coast Guard station, combat climate change, provide local benefits via renewable energy, jobs, money, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The County is set to conserve an estimated \$50-70k annually as economically constrained land will now be providing additional safe services and outages will virtually be eliminated. Primary construction will be complete by September 2021, testing will be complete by December 2021, and commercial operation is slated to begin January 2022 after receiving permission to operate.



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5. DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION REPORT

A. Aviation Department Update:

1. VASI and trees at EKA Update

- A. Aviation Department is working with Caltrans and CalFire (Alder Camp) to schedule before fire season begins. Caltrans still says couple weeks out.
- B. Cody has met with FAA to seek funding for 2022/2023 for Vasi/Papi replacement.

2. FAA Rent Schedule

Errors were discovered in the Board Adopted fee schedule and brought to the attention of Aviation Department Staff. Staff identified the transposed clerical errors and have submitted a corrected fee schedule for reapproval by the Board. The errors will likely be rectified in the month of June. Non-Aeronautical County rents have been dispersed to departments and are being implemented on July 1, 2021.

3. FAA Projects

The Board has approved all submittals for firms to bid/work on the five projects slated for FY21/22. These projects include the preliminary concept study, wildlife hazard assessment and management plan, pavement management plan, equipment acquisition (foam cart containment system), and Airport systemwide study.

4. Micro Grid

One this system is up and running, we will explore alternate revenue generating projects at other areas of ACV and our other GA airports.

5. GA Signage & Trash Can

There is now a trashcan airside at the GA gate. We are still finalizing signage with Airport Operations phone numbers.

B. Public Comment on this section:

1. There are still groups of deer walking along EKA runway. Nobody can seem to locate where they come from, but it seems to be at departure end of 12.
There was discussion about CalFire crews removing brush along fence line so staff can observe and repair points of entry.
2. There has not been further mention about 17 million in CARES funding.
There was discussion about the work completed on FAA reports that were 5-years behind. Next week the final two years will be caught-up and submitted and we will be able to draw on those CARES act funds.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Brochure Rack

This has been paid for by the Lodging Alliances in the County and Visitor Bureau, thanks to Alex Stillman. This will be installed before Avelo's first flight on May 19th.

B. Ramones

Cody has been in contact with ownership at Ramone's and they have indicated that similar to many businesses, they are facing staffing shortages and have not yet determined if they will return. Cody will be checking in to get a determination in the coming weeks.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Terminal Update for new airlines

The screen currently at baggage claim will be moving over the new brochure rack. Chris Nelson helped acquire 4 new screens to place over baggage claim that will run as one large screen, with the



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intent to have a similar video including announcements for new airlines/local tourism running. This will lead to potential private sponsorships in the future and helps promote local business in the face of incoming passengers. The Aviation Department also purchased 4 screens for various locations in the terminal to display arriving/departing flights in an updated format. There are various projects to set the new airlines up with new ticket counters, gate counters, data connectivity, and communications.

B. STIM Program – David Marshall

The STIM program is a grant funded program the help Native American students pass the FAA Part 107 drone pilot test. David Marshall is organizing this program which will take place from June 21 - July 16. There is potential to have an Air Force/Air National guard C130 at ACV and have guest speakers talk to a group of 25 students.

8. NEXT MEETING

- A. Discussion and approval of a mission and vision statement. The Volaire report recommended three choices for each.
- B. Putting the approved name of ACV on the terminal using the one-time monies from the feds.

9. GENERAL AVIATION IDEAS

10. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, May 25, 2021 6:00 PM

11. ADJOURNMENT