

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

Approved Minutes

July 28, 2020 6:00 PM Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alex Stillman at 6:10 PM.

Members in Attendance: Justin Zabel, Chris Nelson, Alex Stillman, Bill Wickman, John McBeth

Members Absent: Lt. Jacob Dorsey, Kyle Gabel, Brian Renner, Joe Shepp **Guests:** Virginia Bass, Lee Rector, Doug Holsclaw, Al Castaldi, Gregg Foster,

Mike Dikun & Chris Knox of Armstrong Consultants

2. Approval of Minutes

The March 3, 2020 minutes were approved as submitted

3. Aviation Department Report

Cody Roggatz reported on monies expected to be received from the “Cares” act . The FAA has approximately \$10 billion to disburse. About 3 times the usual AIP grant. \$17,046,092 is allocated for Humboldt County airports.

Preliminary breakdown of Cares Act monies allocation by airport:

ACV \$16,974,092

EKA 30,000

FOT 20,000

016 20,000

019 1,000

D63 1,000

4. Old Business

Solar panel array update. Work is being done with the FAA and on the environmental process. Ground will probably not be broken until the spring of 2021.

5. New Business

Gregg Foster gave a RRDEC/Fly Humboldt update. There has been a huge drop in air traffic beginning in March due to the Covid problems. This resulted in a 95% drop in April traffic. Traffic is down 87% for the second quarter.

2019 was a good year for air carrier profits from ACV. However, RRDEC is supported by interest earned on customer loans and the budget is under extreme stress.

Gregg stated that Sky West Airlines is still economically strong and Fly Humboldt will work with them as much as possible in the future.

Bill Wickman commented that the real difficulties for the major carriers will be become more obvious, for better or worse, this autumn.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

7. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.