

Humboldt County Aviation Advisory Committee

Approved Minutes

October 27, 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, Alex Stillman, Chris Nelson, Bill Wickman, Justin Zabel, Joe Shepp, John McBeth

Members absent, Brian Renner, Kyle Gabel, Lt. Ryan O'Neill

Staff in attendance, Cody Roggatz, Jennifer Corgiat

Public in attendance, Mike Dikun, Western Territory Manager for Armstrong Consultants, Bob Hamilton, Aviation Project Manager Kimley-Horn, Gregg Foster, Doug Holsclaw, Brian Morrison, Al Castaldi

2. Public Comment

No public comment was offered

3. Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes of the 9/22/2020 meeting were approved.

4. Department of Aviation Update

A) Gregg Foster of Redwood Region Economic Development Council reported on airline traffic at ACV and attempts to enhance same. There has been little activity. SFO usually has two flights per day. LAX may have 3-5 flights per week. Denver service has been suspended for the foreseeable future. Load factors have been running about 60%.

conducted by Volaire using 2019 as a study year is pending. There is little ongoing promotion. All this is due to the COVID induced industry chaos.

B) Sewer Overflow at EKA. Cody Roggatz reported that a contract to replace damaged

C) Cody Roggatz reported that the new position of “Airport Operations Manager” was open and asked that interested parties might contact him. Bill Wickman commented that this supervisory position is “ridiculous”. Brian Morrison commented that hiring for this position is “stupid”.

D) It was reported that Cal Trans will remove trees found to be growing on Cal Trans property. No other progress was reported.

5. Old Business

A) Solar array project update. The environmental assessment is available online Work is ongoing with the FAA on the lease and appraisal process. Hopefully ground can be broken in February or March.

B) VASI at Murray Field. Mike Mikun has examined the electrical system. A possible source for a used VASI has been contacted. No other progress is reported.

C) Bathrooms at Garberville. No progress has been made concerning replacement of bathroom facilities at Garberville.

D) Funds for restaurant development at ACV. There was a discussion of past use of the \$250000, allocated for re-establishment of restaurant facilities at ACV. It was stated by Cody Roggatz that this was an internal loan program some of which was used to help establish Ramones. This money is repaid to the allocation from the county general fund. There is no money currently available for restaurant development at ACV.

E) FBO development at ACV. Justin Zabel was asked about interest in an FBO at ACV. He said he did not wish to comment until speaking with Cody Roggatz.

F) Fuel costs in Humboldt County. Joe Shepp commented on the effect of high fuel costs at Humboldt County airports and their effect on reducing traffic. He reiterated a request for fuel cost information from the county.

6. New Business

A) Alex Stillman commented on the need to “market vacant land”. There was a general discussion of land management and county airport uses. The Republic parking contract comes up for renewal in 2021. Hertz Rental Car is no longer serving ACV. Alex Stillman requested that numbers be available from the county at our next meeting and that the members give thought to agenda items for the next meeting.

B) Alex Stillman mentioned that at ACV the GA tie down chains had been replaced, the

C) The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held December 8, 2020

8. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 PM.