



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2021

Members Present: Gary Friesen, Roy Anderson, Ruth Sellers, Rick Leinheuser, Pat Skogen

BOS Liaisons Present: None

County Staff Present: Jean Dordan, Gary Brown

Guest: Andy Ferris, Christina - Gazette

1. Call to order and Introductions: 3:03 pm

2. Public Comment:

3. Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2021 (M) Ruth Sellers (S) Rick Leinheuser

4. Discussion & Action Items:

a. Discuss changes in Resolution for the AAC

Roy Anderson wants to request a report from the Board as to the changes to Committee Operations (M) Roy Anderson (S) Pat Scoggin.

b. Discussion on inviting Tara Schiff from Economic Development to the next meeting
The committee would like to invite Tara Schiff to an Airport meeting. Gary Brown advises he currently is doing Grant applications and hasn't missed any opportunities. Gary Brown will set up a meeting with Tara Schiff and Kari Kisela from the Chamber of Commerce to discuss future Grants.

5. Public Works Update:

a. Safety Concerns

Gary Friesen asks if there is a bucket of chalk to mark the runway. Dirt from the Ferguson Slide cannot currently be used at the Airport. Tony Borreson reports a mid-air near miss incident with a flight instruction plane and a Yosemite Skydive plane. More radio communications are critical for communication to avoid incidents in the future. There will be no more "short approach landings" from Skydive Yosemite. Gravel and dirt from helicopters cause safety issues on the runway. Gary Friesen and

Tony Borreson talked about a non-refundable annual fee for the hangar wait list to ensure only the most interested would stay on the list. Tony Borreson would like to build three new hangars in the future.

b. Public Works Update

Gary Brown met with inspector from the state for the annual inspection. They walked the entire runway, observing that the cracks could suffice for another two years. The pavement conditions of hangars are not Federally funded making it the County's responsibility to maintain. Gary Brown advised that there needs to be a flashing light added to hangar #1 and that all hangars should have fire extinguishers in them but is not in the contract. Infrastructure Bill for FAA in the future. Larry Sweetser who does hazmat work is looking into the oil issue to figure out a plan of disposal. Rick Leinheuser talked about the need for signs. The FAA has strict guidelines regarding signage so the Public Works sign shop will not be able to make them.

6. Next Meeting December 8, 2021

7. Adjourn 4:13 pm