



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES August 11, 2021

Members Present: Rob Binder, Ruth Sellers, Rick Leinheuser, Pat Skogen, Aitor Loymendy, Roy Anderson

BOS Liaisons Present: Miles Menetrey, Marshall Long

County Staff Present: Gary Brown, Jean Dordan

Guest: Wendy Brown, Willie Morris, Denny Dennison

1. Call to order and Introductions: 2:59 pm

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: June 9, 2021 (M) Ruth Sellers (S) Roy Anderson

4. Discussion & Action Items:

Roy Anderson suggests going to the Board of Supervisors meeting monthly to report on the Airport.

- a. Extend invitation to John Cahalin/ EV Park to meet with AAC. John Cahalin introduces himself would like to help the Airport in any way he can. John mentions the interest in building new hangars at the Airport.
- b. Airport Usage Fees. FBO Tony Borreson advises the committee that all usage fees are current and in place.
- c. Brown Act-What constitutes a meeting. Miles explains how to communicate properly and emphasizes the importance of not using the "reply all" option on emails which could be seen as private conversations among members.
- d. Hangar Fee decision at BOS meeting 8/3/21. The issues that Gary Freisen was having with his lease and installation of a portable hangar have been resolved.
- e. Cemetery Update. No updates to report.
- f. Visiting Columbia Airport. No plan was decided. FBO Tony Borreson advised that he has purchased 40 acres from the EV Park next to the Airport.

g. Update on AWOS. The current AWOS system unit is old but still working well. County Engineer Gary Brown spoke to the FAA regarding a new AWOS system and any possible assistance, a new system will run \$300,000 to \$400,000.

5. Reports & Updates:

a. Safety Concerns. County Engineer Gary Brown Reports that the Airport and Skydive Yosemite areas were recently inspected by the FAA.

b. Public Works Update-Gary Brown states the Layout Plan is updated every five years which has specific places for additional hangars. The CIP plan includes a helipad, crack seal repair. The runway is Gary Brown current focus and will cost \$350,000, a consultant to design will be necessary for probable cost of \$150,000-\$200,000. Roy Anderson asks if the committee will have access to the consultant for questions. Gary would like the committee members to attend the meetings with the Consultant and to review qualifications and FAA project selection. Guest mentioned the Pavement Management Report on website is 3-4 years old and would like to see it updated. Supervisor Menetrey asked Gary Brown about the status of the oil barrels. Currently there are no oil collection services. There are few drums of oil that Public Works was not aware of, the county no longer offers an oil collect service. Gary will make arrangement to move the drums, there is no long-term solution at this time. Supervisor Menetrey asked about new signage and lighting on the runway at the airport and asks about available grant money. Supervisor Menetrey would like a AWOS system replaced. Supervisor Long also wants a new AWOS System installed. We have a few small grants from the Cares Act for operations and repairs. Guest Wendy Brown asks why crack seal is a new project and not a repair. Gary Brown reports that the FAA will not allow it.

Toney Borreson reports that the fuel farm needs to be repainted .Tony Borreson talks about the Association of California Airports seminar for Airport Operators in September in Lake Tahoe. California Pilots Association put out newsletter every few months. Tony talks about having an Airport Commission that will have more control over decision making for the Airport. There are two sources for income at the airport, fuel, and leases and rentals.

6. Next Meeting:

Future Agenda Items. None at this time.

7. Meeting Adjournment: 4:09 pm