



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES July 21, 2021

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

BOS Liaisons Present: Miles Menetrey, Marshall Long

County Staff Present: Gary Brown

Guest: Gary Friesen, Andy Ferris, Patrick Tierney, Christina Manual - Mariposa Gazette

1. Call to order and Introductions: 3:06 pm

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: None

4. Discussion & Action Items:

A. What is the working relationship between the Airport Advisory Committee, Public Works and the Board of Supervisors. Rick Leinheuser states that the committee was formed by the BOS and wants all departments to work together including Planning. Rob Binder states that the committee is involved with operations of the Airport under Resolution 93-387.

B. How does the Airport Manager and the FBO interact. Rick Leinheuser states that Tony Borreson is the manager of the Airport and the Fixed Based Operator. Tony Borreson lost his managerial context in the last few years. Public Works has been making decisions that a "manager" would normally make. The new contract is currently under negotiations.

C. Recognizing the requirement of transparency. Under the Brown Act the committee must follow the guidelines which was reiterated in an email to the committee from County Counsel. There was discussion of inviting County Counsel to a committee meeting.

D. Learn about the Airport budget. Rob Binder would like to be more involved in the budget process. Rob received a simpler copy of the budget from Leigh Westerlund that is easier to understand and distributes it to the members. Rob Binder discusses the budget figures. Roy Anderson suggests that the committee invite someone to the meeting that can explain the budget and categories clearly. Gary Brown speaks of rebuilding trust and transparency between the committee and the county. Gary Brown wants the committee to know about the meetings with the FAA and even join in the meetings. Gary Brown would like future contracts to include funds to allow for meetings with the contractor.

E. Hangar/tie-down rental rates. Rates for leases for 2020 that was approved by the BOS. The County contract calls for a 2% rate adjustment (CPI) per year at the discretion of the County.

F. Who is the FAA liaison. Gary Brown reported that the FAA contracts for him are Tom Richards who is the program manager and Katherine Kennedy who is the manager for planning.

5. Reports & Updates:

A. Safety Concerns Stan Wheeler brought up signage for fire season that would be permanent. Gary Brown will add to next project. Miles states that the signage get done immediately for safety reasons. Gary Brown advises that we need to follow the FAA standards. Gary is working on oil removal. Supervisor Long suggests contacting other airports for a solution.

B. Public Works Update- Gary Brown will be looking into projects from the FAA grants. Some are expensive fixes. Gary would like to replace the fueling station. We are receiving Cares Act funding that is for operations and maintenance only. Runway cracks need to be addressed. Upgrade to AWOS system. We receive \$150,000 from the FAA annually for projects. Supervisor Menetrey asks of the availability grants from the FAA.

6. Next Meeting:

A Regular meeting August 11, 2021 September 8, 2021 (Special meeting)

B. Future Agenda Items

7. Meeting Adjournment: (M) Roy Anderson (S) Ruth Sellers 4:32 pm