



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES June 9, 2021

Members Present: Rob Binder, Joe Coho, Ruth Sellers, Rick Leinheuser, Pat Skogen, Aitor Loymendy

BOS Liaisons Present: None

County Staff Present: Shannon Hansen, Gary Brown, Jean Dordan

Guest: Tim Wennberg, Gary Friesen, Tony Borreson, Andy Ferris, Tim Wennberg, Paul Wignall, Christina Manual Mariposa Gazette

1. Call to order and Introductions: 3.03 pm Deputy Director Shannon Hansen introduced herself to the committee.

2. Public Comment: Joe Coho is concerned with the contention between the County and the Committee and the role of the committee.

3. Approval of Minutes: Approve Minutes of April 14, 2021. With Clarification of Reports & Updates (M) Rob Binder (S) Ruth Sellers.

4. Discussion & Action Items:

A. Engage in a Hangar rental Discussion (M) Rob Binder (S) Joe Coho. Rob Binder speaks of the use clause in Hangar Rental Agreement, the FAA eased rules on what is stored in hangars. Rob wants to implement a revised clause to provide the main use of the hanger is for aeronautical purposes as long as items do not interfere with the aircraft enclosed (M) Rob Binder (S) Pat Skogen. Rob asks the status of Gary Freisen's Agreement and the 2% CPI and whether or not it's included in the Agreement or will be adjusted in the future, unknown at this time. There were questions about the rate study that was done, and rate increase done by the county.

B. Construction of additional hangars. Rob Binder reports that he spoke with the County Administrative Officer about building new hangars. Because of the cost of constructing hangar's, it is not feasible at this time. Rob suggested getting some of the money due the County from Aramark for TOT tax. Rob suggests eight to nine box hangars near the runway. Joe Coho suggests ground leases for portable hangars. Joe Coho asks for clarification from the County on building new hangars (M) Rob Binder (S) Joe Coho.

C. Meet monthly. Rob Binder request additional meetings monthly. Chair Rick Leinheuser advises that the committee currently has a vacancy in Category A and one Alternate member which could cause a problem for quorum purposes. Shannon Hansen requests clarification on the need for a monthly meeting. Tony Borreson speaks of negotiating the new contract with Public Works which Shannon Hansen points out that it is not appropriate to discuss at the committee meetings. The committee would like to get more involved in the budget process. Rick Leinheuser would like to stay with current meeting schedule due to concerns of a quorum. Motion to meet monthly for the next four months (M) Joe Coho (S) Rob Binder.

D. Future of the Airport. Gary will be meeting with the FAA for future projects. Joe Coho would like one member of the committee to join these meetings (M) Joe Coho (S) Rob Binder.

E. Future from Airrborn Aviation. In the past we hired a consultant (Wadell Engineering), the cemetery was also mentioned. Tony talks of the role of the committee. Tony wants the committee to be more involved in the decisions and operation of the airport and wants a mediator which Tony considers is the committee. In the future, where will the airport go, Tony no longer trusts government and the airport is not being properly run. Tony would like to find other ways to manage to airport, the airport needs a stable and more hands-on management. Joe Coho asks Tony Borreson to do an overview of his statement in writing and send it to the committee members. There was discussion of reporting to the Board of Supervisors directly by members of the Committee. Paul from Skydrive Yosemite has been going to the Board member for the airport district on his own when he has concerns or issues.

5. Reports & Updates:

A. Safety Concerns. The FAA came out for an AWOS inspection and has concerns about barometric pressure indicator. The water line to the residence does not have a shut off valve , Tony would like a shut off valve installed and trench dug to add misters to the Skydive Yosemite area because of the heat.

B. Public Works Update- Gary Brown updated earlier.

6. Next Meeting:

A. July 14, 2011 (Special meeting), Regular meeting August 11, 2021

B. Future Agenda Items - Revisit the budget and offer to make recommendations. Formal report to the Board from committee. Decide if ad hoc committee regarding hangars.

7. Meeting Adjournment: 4:49 pm