



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES April 13, 2022

Members Present: Rob Binder, Gary Friesen, Ruth Sellers, Rick Leinheuser, Pat Skogen, Aitor Loymendy, Caleb Chaney

BOS Liaisons Present: None

County Staff Present: Matt Hespenheide, Jean Dordan

Guest: Stan Wheeler, Andy Ferris, Tony Borreson

1. Call to order and Introductions: 3:08 pm

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: July 21, 2021, August 11, 2021, and September 8, 2021 (M) Ruth Sellers (S) Rob Binder.

4. Discussion & Action Items:

a. Elect Chair of the Committee – All nominated for Chair declined

b. Elect Vice-Chair- Rob Binder (M) Ruth Sellers (S) Gary Friesen

c. Update on the new Agreement with Airport Operators contract – Tony Borreson has spoken with Director Shannon Hansen about the Agreement and has asked for additional information.

d. Discuss the possibility of sponsoring attendance at the Annual Conference of the Association of California Airports. It was asked if the county would be willing to sponsor a committee member to attend the conference.

e. Additional Hangars – Ruth Sellers would like the airport to receive some of the Aramark settle money to fund the building of new hangers. Rob Binder talks of the Layout Plan last updated in 2008 which shows area earmarked for new hangars.

d. Private request to build four new hangars – Public Work – Matt Hespenheide reports that the private person who want to build four new hangars is asking for a 50–60-year lease agreement.

5. Reports & Updates:

a. Safety Concerns. – AWOS and signs. Tony Borreson reports that the AWOS system will need to be replaced within two years, repairs to the aging system are working for now. The cost of a new system will be roughly \$300,000. The unit is currently calibrated twice a year per our contract with All Weather, Inc. Signs at the airport are deteriorating and need to be replaced to FAA requirements. Recent near miss, a pilot flying from Washington state to Bakersfield ran out of fuel and had to make an emergency landing in Mariposa. No damage or injuries were reported.

b. Public Works Update: Recycle Oil Removal. Matt Hespenheide is getting pricing for hazmat removal. The county wants to give up ownership of the tanks and block off the area. Tony Borreson reports that hazardous waste removal is expensive but doesn't understand the issue of disposal since other airports do it as well. Member Aitor Lomendy will check for disposal resources. Aviation will be going to unleaded although not all planes will be able to use it.

6. Next Meeting:

Future Agenda Items: Hangars, oil, signs, and cemetery

7. Meeting Adjournment: 4:09 pm