



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES March 14, 2021

Members Present: Roy Anderson, Rob Binder, Joe Coho, Ruth Sellers, Rick Leinheuser, Pat Skogen

BOS Liaisons Present: Miles Menetrey

County Staff Present: Mike Healy, Gary Brown, Jean Dordan

Guest: Tim Wennberg, Gary Friesen, Tony Borreson, Greg Bean

1. Call to order and Introductions: 3.05 pm

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Approve Minutes of October 14, 2020. Correction on the building of hanger, The building of 3-4 hangars but not annually. (M) Roy Anderson (S) Ruth Sellers.

4. Discussion & Action Items:

A. Elect Chair: Rick Leinheuser (M) Rob Binder (S) Pat Skogen

B. Elect Vice Chair: Roy Anderson (M) Rob Binder (S) Ruth Sellers

C. Hangar Leases: Member Rob Binder talks about a fee to be charged for a place on the waiting list. Public Works Director Mike Healy did research and found that fees at other Airports can range from \$100.00 - \$350.00 annually which will be refunded when a hangar is available, or they leave their place on list. Mike Healy suggests \$200.00-\$250.00. Members Ruth Sellers asked if any hangars would be built in the future. Rick Leinheuser asked if it's ever went in front of the Board of Supervisors which it has not. Mike Healy advised that the Capital Improvement Plan was deleted from the budget. Rob Binder asks if the Hangar

Leases standardized. Joe Coho thinks that leases should be longer than 2 years. Tim Wennberg talks about his research about other airports leasing for 30 years and have higher lease rates which will bring in more tax revenue for the County. (Joe Coho asking Gary Friesen question 26.00 into recording) Joe Coho is concerned about term of the leases. Ruth Sellers would like to see expansion and growth of the Airport. (More of Gary Friesen about CPI 38.00). Rick Leinheuser suggest the formation of an AD HOC Committee. (M) Rob Binder (S) Roy Anderson.

5. Reports & Updates:

A. Safety Concerns. Tony Borreson had Safety Seminar. Planes are travel too fast when are taxiing, Tony wants to raise the awareness of speed on the runway which should actually be at a light job in pace. The tie down numbers and “reserved” still need to be painted on the asphalt. Pape lights were calibrated. Tony as the Fixed Base Operator has been negotiating with the County as the contract is due to expire. Tony has decided to scale back at the and not manage it any longer but continue with scenic flights, purchase a helicopter and in-house maintenance. Tony would like Stan Wheeler to stay as a mechanic, living quarters might be an issue. Tony would like to scale back on flying instruction, it’s costly and time consuming to maintain the aircraft, there currently isn’t enough flight instructors. Tony may start a nonprofit flying club. He will be closing the Merced Office, will revert the fuel sales back to the County and will be selling his equipment and trucks. He will no longer have rental cars. Shell Aviation has changed their name and changed their signage at the Airport. Joe Coho asks Supervisor Menetrey his feelings on Tony leaving as the FBO. Miles supports our FBO but understands the lack of funding to build hangars. Roy Anderson suggests that Tony do a Board Presentation to the Board of Supervisors about Airport Operations and the issues he has faced over the last six years.

B. Public Works Update. The back gate has now been replaced with the is \$30,000 from the Cares Act which the balance will be used for building repairs. We can no longer recycle oil due to cost restraints.

6. Next Meeting:

- A. June 9, 2021
- B. Future Agenda Items

7. Meeting Adjournment 4.22 pm (M) Roy Anderson (S) Rick Leinheuser