



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

Roads – Parks & Recreation – Facilities – Airport
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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

June 9, 2025

A. 3:00 PM Called to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Aitor Loymendy	Cat. A		
Roy Anderson - Chair	Cat. A	Y	
Vacant	Cat. A		Vacant
Joe Coho	Cat. B	Y	
Vacant	Cat. B		Vacant
Rick Leinheuser	Cat. C	Y	
Patricia Skogen	Alt. 1		
Andy Ferris	Alt. 2	Y	
Ron Rohde	Alt. 3		
Supervisor Miles Menetrey	BOS Liaison	Y	
Danielle Bondshu	COB	Y	
Director Shannon Hansen	Public Works		
Deputy Director Sam Cerveny	Public Works	Y	
Executive Assistant Tennille Holt	PW Rep.	Y	
Madison	Mariposa Gazette Reporter	Y	
Tony	Airborn Aviation	Y	Late arrival

B. Introductions *(recording time marker 0:0:36)*

C. Public Comment (non-agenda items) *(recording time marker 0:01:04)*

1. None

D. Approval of Minutes *(recording time marker 0:02:35)*

1. Approval of Minutes June 10, 2024
 - a. No quorum to approve minutes
 - b. Since the issue that was questioned on the Dec. minutes was answered, minutes and audio were sent out to the committee, the minutes were correct as presented, we will proceed with a technical approval *(recording time marker 0:016:14)*
2. Approval of Minutes December 9, 2024 *(recording time marker 0:13:18)*
 - a. Motion to approve - Joe Coho (M), Andy Ferris (S) – Motion carried

E. Updates & Reports Items *(recording time marker 0:18:20)*

1. Safety Report & Public Works Report
 - a. Fuel Pump Issues (x2) – 4 Companies were contacted, and Steve assisted the Tech with Tools. The pipe was redone.
 - b. Looking to replace the Pumps – Pumps are from the 1970s. Considering a Fuel Trailer.
 - c. Will check with Titan to see what the options are
 - d. Yes, the issue was posted to AWOS
 - e. Looking into getting access to an Internet Based NOTAM Submission System
 - f. Leasing out hangar #52 to SO
 - g. Someone looking at Hangar 50
 - h. Still available 21, 22 & 28
 - i. Plan to present a month-to-month option to BOS with a 20% increase in premium and a 60-day notice
 - j. Was able to help lease out another hangar for someone who moved
 - k. AWOS System – Patched together again, they don't make the radios anymore. The Rep. brought three old radios he had and gave them to the airport, so that we have extras *(recording time marker 0:24:04)*
 - l. 5yr. AIP Plan - Runway Project includes a new AWOS system.
 - Plan submitted to FAA – First year planning & design, testing (Geotechnical)
 - 2 years where we give up the AIP 150K, donate back to the FAA
 - At \$150/yr, which must be spent within 4 years, we can't afford to redo the runway. We could at most get \$600K; however, the runway looks to be about 2 million, as suggested by the FAA. By donating it back, we demonstrate good faith and will be placed in a program to receive the full amount needed. Around 2028
2. Draft Minutes and the current Agenda mailed to Patricia Skogen as requested by the committee
3. Gary Friesen – Term Expired, does not wish to return

F. Action Items *(recording time marker 0:26:53)*

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
 - a. Current Chair Roy Anderson and Current Vice Chair Gary Friesen (Vacant)
 - b. Joe Coho (M) nominates Roy Anderson as the Chair, Andy (S)
 - all in favor, motion carried *(recording time marker 0:31:25)*
 - c. Joe Coho (M) nominates Andy Ferris (S) as temporary Vice Chair
 - all in favor, motion carried *(recording time marker 0:31:46)*
2. Change Terminal Hours
 - a. Current Monday – Friday 10 AM - 4 PM

- b. Tracking of visitors to see which days have the most traffic
- c. Proposed as a pilot program to see how it works out.
 - Wednesday – Friday 11 AM -3 PM & Saturday – Sunday 9 AM - 3 PM
 - Yes, the terminal would be open on the weekends and available to groups to use
 - Roy (M) to approve the change in hours, Andy (S)
 - all in favor, motion carried (*recording time marker 0:35:54*)
 - Andy says this is great news! Joe says this is Excellent!
 - Hopefully in place by August
- 3. Annual AAC Report
 - a. The report was due to the Board by April 1st, and the draft went to the Board
 - b. AAC needs to approve the draft
 - COB noted that the Chair can't make a motion (previous motion by Roy will be left as is, correct motions moving forward)
 - Andy (M) Rick (S) all in favor, motion carried (*recording time marker 0:41:23*)

G. Public Comment (non-agenda items) (*recording time marker 0:42:35*)

- 1. Re-open Public Comment for late arrival
- 2. Tony from Airborrn Aviation, who is managing to stay in business, had to let an employee go to stay afloat. He feels things have gone backwards. States that people fly in and can't get a car. Thinks things need to change. Says Sam is doing a good job.

H. Discussion Items (*recording time marker 0:47:00*)

- 1. Discussion by the Clerk of the Board (Danielle Bondshu) regarding the possible dissolution of the Airport Advisory Committee
 - a. COB has been going to each committee and talking to them about why they should remain or be dissolved.
 - Roy feels the committee serves a purpose and brings worthwhile advice to the table
 - Andy, when he first moved here, had fly-ins and was booming. Then it went downhill until it started in a positive direction with a new FBO. States then, it went to "hell in a handbasket," and states the attendance tracking #'s are laughable from the past. States that the committee doesn't need to meet as often, only to talk about land development that isn't happening
 - Joe thinks the committee is a good buffer between the Airport and the BOS. People care about the airport and want it to succeed. Thinks that the committee is required if the Airport is receiving Federal Funds. With the aging committee members, meetings become harder, and the committee needs new members.

- Miles states we need to move forward. There have been significant changes this year, and the only complaint heard so far is about car rentals. Let us know what the concerns are and share what you have. Let's make the airport great!
- Roy, what is the intent of the county regarding the committee
- Andy, I believe that has had an effect on our attendance. Refers to the Mariposa Gazette stating that the committee was going to be disbanded.
- Roy, if someone wants to know the validity of the statement printed in the Gazette.
- Miles believes it was taken from the discussion of consideration of all 36 committees and the general discussion of disbanding some of the committees
- Rick has been on the committee for about 10 years, and in that time, the committee's use of Robert's Rules of Order has been very lax, and he thinks tightening up on that makes things clearer. Thinks that people who use the airport should have input since they are the ones who know what is needed.
- Roy wants the facts of the Gazette article added to the next agenda because he says it is important. Wants Miles to come back with what the BOS recording says
- Miles, No, everyone can listen to the recording themselves. Wants to know why there is such animosity towards the Board and doesn't understand why the animosity towards the Board and the members of the County at this table is thick. Why, we haven't denied anything. Tony is the one who resigned; we didn't fire him.
- Andy agrees it is thick, and there is some resentment
- Miles, Why? Because of Tony
- Roy, yes, Tony is part of it, but has other issues. Has seen no evidence that the committee is valued. States that in December they were told they were they were not doing anything right. Roy states that they were treated like 6-year-olds, and that's not how it should have been presented.
- Miles states that the cemetery issue is the issue that has been brought to the board.
- Roy states that the way the information was presented was a face slap, and that is where some of the animosity stems from
- Rick, one past issue comes from the "Oxford comma" issue 4 years ago, which felt like they were overstepping
- Andy - Is Miles' role to take the information back to the board? And one issue that needs to be taken back is the rental cars. That was a big asset to the airport
- Miles, yes, that has been taken. Why did Tony quit renting them? Yes, anyone can take the info to the board. I try to give valuable input
- Danielle - As an advisory committee, you vote to make a recommendation or discuss and direct which Public Works would bring to the BOS
- Sam, like the Terminal Hours

- Miles, he was referring to just in general, an action item would go through Public Works
- Danielle, the board can vote to change the advisory committee direction, and the committee can request a change to its purpose
- Roy, so the committee was acting as oversight vs advisory
- Danielle, clerks change and turn over, they just keep doing the same as those before. Part of this is just to get things cleaned up.
 - The possibility that committees will be moved from departments like Public Works to the Clerk of the Board's office.
 - If committees are not run correctly, it can put the County at risk
- Roy states that he is the only member of this committee who has been publicly chastised. Was told by County Council that "I was in violation of the Brown Act"
- Joe, BOS members change, committee members change, and circumstances change. When Figueroa left, we were told at the time that we were not doing our job and that the committee should try to form an economic development plan. It feels like things are now open and transparent, and thank you, Sam.
- Tony, regarding the thickness. There were issues with the previous PW Director; then we got the new PW Director, and things went off the rails a little with contracts. Additionally, hangars were not rented. Locks were cut. Tony felt there were roadblocks, had staff issues, and a lot of liability, and that's why he resigned. Tony still has the fuel trucks but may sell the Jet A truck and keep the Avgas truck. Needs rental cars, but there is no money in it. Feels positive moving forward, no issues with anyone. Steve is great.
- Miles, is the info out there that the fuel truck is only available at certain times?
- Tony, yes, the info is out there on his end
- Danielle, after listening to the committee today, confirmed the recommendation to the BOS is to keep the committee with an update on the purpose.
- Roy, the committee will want to review the wording.

I. Next Meeting - Next meeting July 17, 2025

J. Adjournment (*recording time marker 0:02:35*)

1. Meeting adjourned at **4:50 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



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