



Mariposa County
Department of Public Works

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AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 21, 2017 MEETING

Members Present: Kent Lentz, Ron McBride, Rob Binder, Ruth Sellers, Roy Anderson
(Alternate)

Members Absent: Joe Coho, Pat Skogen

BOS Liaison Present: None

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

Guests/Public Present: Tony Borreson, Bill Larson, Stan Wheeler, Mark
Logsdon, Haley Yowler, Paul Wignall

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. **Public Comment:** There was an inquiry as to whether the North gate is fixed. The gate has been repaired. Roy Anderson has noticed unidentified vehicles coming through the gate. He inquired about changing gate code; Mike Healy will look into it. Mike Healy thanks the committee and Skydive Yosemite for allowing us to change the meeting date.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting April 12, 2017 (M) Ruth Sellers (S) Roy Anderson, motion moved.
4. **Discussion & Action Items:**
 - A. Teaching Museum/Hanger Restoration –Roy Anderson is currently doing the ground work for putting the museum together and begins the repair of the first hangar which will start the airplane museum. Roy Anderson advised there was a meeting with Mike Healy; the first step will be putting together a letter to present to the Board of Supervisors, with periodic updates to the Board. Roy wants to put together a booklet

with historical information and background. He advises fencing the area and adding another gate for access. One of the hangars being looked at currently has a dirt floor so a concrete slab will need to be poured. Asphalt will not be considered on the outside of the hangar, rather dirt and gravel to keep a natural look to the area.

5. Reports & Updates

A. Safety Concerns: Not addressed

B. Public Works Update:

Gary Brown stated that the report that was completed by the consultant states the pavement is in good condition. The taxiway is recommended to get a slurry seal in 2017. The runway should have a seal coat in 2018, and the aprons are slated to need a mill and overlay in 2019 and 2021. Gary is pleased that the airport is in good condition compared to other airports. Tony will advise pilots and hangar occupants in case they need to move their aircraft before any work begins. Tony, Gary, and Larry Harris met with the Cal Trans aeronautical inspector with suggestions that Airport remove the AWOS sign at the end of the runway that the inspector deemed unnecessary. The runway will no longer be called 826 because the directional bearing has changed due to accuracy, in the future it will be runway 927. The inspection shows that two of the three front hangars (museum) are in a protection zone; they obstruct nine to ten feet of vision. An application will have to be filed with the FAA; which will probably require lights or signage. Mike asked the committee for thoughts on delinquent hangar owners and how aggressive they want Public Works to get. The consensus is two months and then continue to be more aggressive. Ruth suggests sending a letter to all occupants advising of stricter enforcement of overdue rents. There was a reference to the abandoned airplane as well. Ron McBride also brought up the dead mice and urine in his hangar, Mike will check with pest control company.

C. Airport Manager Update:

Tony has a waiting list for hangars. Cow was recently on field and removed. The airport now has the billing and rent collection for the leases of hangars and tie downs and is splitting the revenue with the county; payments can now be made on line. A fuel truck for jet A fuel has been purchased. The helicopter operation with Riggs did not work out and they ended up elsewhere. There is a large hangar for sale. Tony would like to see contingencies that they are advised when high profile people land at the airport; he feels there is lost opportunities for publicity. Future events and tourism at the airport, can the advisory committee and county schedule events?. Tony wants to implement landing fees for commercial companies. Mike Healy will be meeting with Enterprise Rental and will discuss putting cars at the airport for pilots to rent.

D. Presentation by “Skydive Yosemite”

Skydive Yosemite did a power point presentation that was very informative and detailed. They answered several questions and had legal representation to answer

any legal questions. All and all the presentation was well received by the committee and guests. They plan to do a soft opening in October or November with friends and family. They have been in touch with the Chamber of Commerce. They will provide an excavator to drag dirt area if needed due to gopher holes or unevenness. Mike asked about the location of the sales counter and parachute folding. They will be working with Tony for the best location. They would like to get a shipping container that they will retrofit to look like a cabin that will house video equipment and parachutes that will be locked up at night. Gary asked how jumpers will get safely back to area without walking on the runway. The customers will be escorted or shuttled by staff. Also mentioned is to add temporary fencing that can be moved each night.

6. Next Meeting: August 9, 2017

7. Meeting Adjournment: (M) Rob Binder (S) Ruth Sellers, carried, adjourn 6:55 p.m.