

SONOMA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the December 18, 2008 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Young called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Delaney, Doherty, Hayssen (left at 9:38 a.m.), Starrett and Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Doherty moved with support from Starrett to approve the November 2008 minutes Commission Meeting Minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.*

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Complaint Update

Stout reported that there were 7 complaints since the November 2008 meeting.

1. Paul Rivas – ultralight flying too low
2. Jeff Vakassian – Horizon Air flew over too low
3. Jackie Bauden – loud noise from the direction of the Airport
4. Scott Griffin – Horizon Air flew over too low
5. Russell Ellis – aircraft doing acrobatics
6. Lou Hayton – aircraft and helicopter noise
7. Marc LaMantia – loud, low overflights

B. Tower Report

Tim Pforsich, Tower Manager, reported to Stout that there was nothing specific to report at this time, as he was unable to attend.

C. Airline Update

Stout reported that Horizon Air continues to do well. The Airport is still working on marketing. Radios station KRSH (the Crush) is sharing the billboard with Horizon Air in trade for radio advertising spots.

Stout introduced John Fenyes of Xpress Vacations, Reno, Nevada. They put together travel packages and are interested in working with Horizon Air and the Airport to put together packages for Sonoma County visitors and residents.

D. Hangar Inspections

Gloria Coté, Airport secretary, reported that the “A” and “B” hangars are the next group to be inspected, anticipated later February or early March 2009.

E. EIR/EA Update

Stout said that the draft scope of work was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2008. FAA comments have not yet been received.

F. Projects Update

Stout reported that the Apron “F” (Gun Club) electrical upgrade is nearly completed. The County owned hangars will have electricity, and two private hangar owners will have the electrical improvements made to allow continued power.

Stout said that approximately 50% of the trees designated by the FAA have been cut. On the McMullen property, bordering the Airport, 40 – 45 eucalyptus must be removed. That contract is being prepared to go out to bid.

Stout also announced that the Airport has hired a new operations specialist trainee, Jeremy Loughry.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Airport Business and Marketing Plan

Fred Davis, Tri-Star Marketing, gave a presentation covering a strategic business and marketing plan for the Airport. The final report will be complete in approximately ninety days.

NEW BUSINESS

Stout reported that the Airport has been working with Sonoma Designs to set up the on-line store for Snoopy logo items. It is anticipated to be linked to the Airport website in a week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

There were no Commission comments at this time.

ADJOURN

Delaney moved with support from Doherty to adjourn. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Stout, CAE, AAE
Airport Manager