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COUNTY AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the August 3, 2021 Meeting

Location: Virtually, via Zoom

Prior to the meeting, Russ Sardina spoke about the loss of Matt Mergen on Friday, July 30th.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 p.m. by Russ Sardina, Chair

To comply with protective requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually using Zoom and it was recorded.

Participating members: Russ Sardina, Sue Bell, Ricky Branaugh, Jason Brand, Chris Nelson, and Gary Vorderbruggen

Absent members: None

Participating staff: Chris Perry, Sherrie Busby, Julianne Melchor, Jeremy Gutenberger, and Jessica Dillon

Guests: Dave Lugert, Jim Hogan

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Russ Sardina made a motion to adopt the agenda without changes; Chris Nelson seconded the motion.

III. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES: Russ Sardina made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting and the April 14, 2021 Special Meeting. Chris Nelson seconded the motion. Minutes for the March 24 meeting and April 14 Special Meeting were adopted already at the May 19 Meeting. Adoption of the May 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes will occur on September 22, 2021.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a) Safety message – Gary Vorderbruggen, recent accidents in CA with bock landings. Go around if not ready to land within first third of the runway.
- b) Debrief of the Georgetown Event on May 29th and the EAA event on June 12th – both events were successful with many attendees; event organizers planning to repeat them again next year. Jason Brand also brought up that the “Display Days” are going well.
- c) Economic Development – Chris Perry shared discussion points developed by the Airports Advisory Committee at the meeting held on May 19, 2021. Chris discussed topics on the list for land use, marketing, expansion, amenities, and rates. The FAA issued Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) grants under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act in the amount of \$13,000 for Placerville and \$9,000 for Georgetown. The FAA will be issuing Airport Rescue Grant

Program (ARGP) grants under the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) in the amount of \$32,000 for Placerville and \$22,000 for Georgetown.

- d) Lease Rates and Fees – Chris Perry reported that department-wide fee study has been started, which will cover all divisions of the Planning and Building Department. Committee members will be included for comments during the winter possibly, but Chris will be able to provide more information a little later in the process. Chris will provide an update in September. Budget details will be available for discussion by early April next year.
- e) Insurance Requirements – Nothing new to discuss.

V. STAFF REPORTS:

- a) Staffing Update – New Extra Help Employee, Audrey Brand
- b) Fuel Delivery Delays – still having delays in fuel delivery, next delivery delayed until August 12th, fuel levels will be low, the issue is related to a shortage of qualified drivers, and is affecting airports all across the country and specifically the western states.
- c) Meeting Location – an in-person meeting is tentatively being planned for the September 22 meeting, location to be determined. May be hybrid meeting with Zoom, to be determined.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a) Dave Lugert requested comments on passing of Matt Mergen

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Discussion and vote on recommending Board of Supervisors appointment of Airports Advisory Committee member to fill one current vacancy – Russ made a motion that the committee vote tonight to support all six candidates, with Sherrie Busby contacting the candidates in the order in which the applications were submitted, and the first one that says yes will be submitted to the Board for appointment.
- b) Ricky Branaugh made a motion for Sherrie to contact all six applicants in order of applications received. The applicant that says yes will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. Gary Vorderbruggen seconded the motion. (The committee voted 6-0 yes.)

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- a) Gary Vorderbruggen – email from FAA to install solar panels on south facing hill at KPVF to be leased to raise funds. Would like to do a better job of marketing, need to find budget to do some, doesn't need to be large, discussed trees at north end, new landowner, per Scott, new landowner said to cut down whatever we want, cost would be about \$2,500. South end would be \$10,000 to \$15,000, trees on airport property have fallen on neighbor's fence. Need to take care of the trees soon, they are a liability and an accident is going to occur soon. Something absolutely has to be done. Apportionment of grants funds proves that

more airplanes means more funding; we need to get more airplanes at Georgetown and committee needs to weigh in on how to prioritize how those funds are used.

- b) Dave Lugert (not a committee member): FAA letter re: solar panels, FAA discouraged use of solar panels that could harm pilots by reflecting light into pilots' eyes if not positioned to avoid this.
- c) Russ Sardina: September 22 meeting will probably be his last meeting as he is moving. He will be around for another few months, but will step down after September.

IX. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- a) More details on CARES Act and ARPPA grants
- b) Replacing Russ, appointing chair
- c) WIFI at PVF
- d) Marketing plan, using Chris Perry's list
- e) Report from Michaela Johnson on Fly-In
- f) Trees on south and north end of Georgetown Airport
- g) Update from Chris Perry on Fee Study

X. ADJOURNMENT:

- a) Russ Sardina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.; Chris Nelson seconded the motion. The next meeting will be on September 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.