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COUNTY AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the September 22, 2021 Meeting

Location: Virtually, via Zoom

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 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, Jason Brand, and Gary Vorderbruggen

Absent members: Chris Nelson

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

Guests: Mark Moss, Steve Cimmarusti, Dave Lugert, Michaela Johnson
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Gary Vorderbruggen made a motion to adopt the agenda without changes; Russ Sardina seconded the motion.
- III. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES: Gary Vorderbruggen made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 19, 2021 and August 3, 2021 meetings. Sue Bell seconded the motion.
- IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a) Safety Message – Gary Vorderbruggen
 - i) Inspect aircraft before take-off.
 - b) Economic Development Principles – Chris Perry
 - i) Efforts put on hold due to Caldor Fire; will do our best to have information for the next meeting on November 17, 2021.
 - c) Report on the Georgetown Airport May 29, 2021 Fly-in Event – Michaela Johnson
 - i) The event was put on by Divide for the Kids, which aims to create aviation awareness for kids in our community and provide kids with healthy resources to keep them away from drugs and alcohol. Michaela would like to hold the event earlier in the day next year. EDSO estimated that there were around 1,500 people that attended the event.

V. STAFF REPORTS:

a) Details on CARES and ARPA Grants

- i) The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will provide the Placerville and Georgetown Airports \$30,000 each to provide support for continuing airport operations.
- ii) The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) will provide the Placerville Airport with \$13,000 and the Georgetown Airport with \$9,000 for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, and combating the spread of pathogens at the airports. These grant funds will be distributed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP).
- iii) The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will provide the Placerville Airport with \$32,000 and the Georgetown Airport with \$22,000 for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, and combating the spread of pathogens at the airports. These grant funds will be distributed by the FAA under the Airport Rescue Grant Program (ARGP). Must apply for these two grants by November 30, 2021.
- iv) The County must submit reimbursement information (likely for utilities and salaries) before receiving the money for the six above-referenced grants.
- v) The CRRSAA and ARPA grant amounts listed above were allocated based on the categories (National, Regional, Local, and Basic) published in the most current FAA National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
 - (1) Placerville Airport is classified as being in the *Local* General Aviation Airport Category, meaning it fulfills the following role in the system: supplements local communities by providing access to markets within a state or immediate region. Local airports are most often located near larger population centers, but not necessarily in metropolitan or micropolitan areas. Most of the flying at local airports is by piston aircraft in support of business and personal needs. These airports typically accommodate flight training, emergency services, and charter passenger service.
 - (2) Georgetown Airport is classified as being in the *Basic* General Aviation Airport Category, meaning it fulfills the following role in the system: links the community with the national airport system and supports general aviation activities, such as emergency response, air ambulance service, flight training, and personal flying. Most of the flying at basic airports is self-piloted for business and personal reasons using propeller-driven aircraft. They often fulfill their role with a single runway or helipad and minimal infrastructure.

b) WiFi at Placerville Airport

- i) Jeremy Gutenberger constantly resets routers and would like to look for better service. Risk Management paid for the first year and now it is on Airports to pay.
- ii) Jason Brand requested a WiFi update at the next meeting.

- c) Trees on South and North End of Georgetown Airport
 - i) Trees are still there; Jeremy is hoping to have a solution this winter. Once trees are down, we can have Caltrans out to see what our options are for removing the pole.
- d) Fee Study – Chris Perry
 - i) The fee study is being conducted by a consultant. We are in the first third of the process, having meetings with the consultant and answering any questions they have. We have a few months to go.
- e) Board of Supervisors Appointment of Airports Advisory Committee Member Scheduled for September 28, 2021
 - i) Steven Krohn has accepted a Committee position; he will take over for Mike Worth.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a) Dave Lugert – ARPA funds should pay for infrastructure (WiFi) and water installations.
- b) Sue Bell – AWOS at Georgetown

VII. ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Discussion and vote on recommending appointment of Airports Advisory Committee members to fill two vacancies – Russ Sardina made a motion to have Sherrie contact the remaining applicants in the order in which the applications were submitted to fill the two vacancies; Jason Brand seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- b) Officer nomination and vote to appoint Airports Advisory Committee Chair – Gary Vorderbruggen nominated Jason Brand; Russ Sardina seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously. Jason Brand accepted the Chair position.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

- a) Gary Vorderbruggen explained that there is a shortage of hangars; County needs to step forward to build hangars and sell them.
- b) Russ Sardina commended Jeremy on his work through the Caldor Fire, especially since he was evacuated himself. Russ would like to ensure that the County is fully and fairly reimbursed and compensated for the United States Forest Service (USFS) use of the Placerville Airport during the Caldor Fire, and he said that the County should give consideration to compensating Placerville Airport tenants during the airport closure to general aviation for the USFS use of the airport. Russ would like to see the Committee keep these two items on the agenda for follow up.

IX. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- a) Trees on south and north end of Georgetown Airport – operational and fiscal impacts
- b) United States Forest Service Compensation to the County for Placerville Airport use during the Caldor Fire fight

- c) Consider compensating Placerville Airport tenants during Placerville Airport closure to general aviation for the Caldor Fire fight
- d) WiFi at Placerville Airport

X. ADJOURNMENT:

- a) Russ Sardina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.; Gary Vorderbruggen seconded the motion. The next meeting will be on November 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.