

Yolo County Aviation Advisory Committee

February 11, 2016

The Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC) convened at Davis Flight Support located at 25170 Aviation Ave., Davis, CA 95616, Yolo County Airport.

The following minutes are submitted for the Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC).

The following members were in attendance from the AAC.

Present: Gary Pelfrey, Patrick Scribner, Joel Larsen, Blake Jessen

Absent: Stanley Maricich, James Hechtl

Staff: Gary Engel

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by AAC Chair Gary Pelfrey.

2. Introductions.

Members of AAC Board introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment / Announcements / Non-Agenda Items.

There were no comments or items discussed from the public. Gary Pelfrey, Chair of the Aviation Advisory Committee brought up the newsletter that was now going out and asked if anyone would like to suggest changes or if they had input to let him know. Pelfrey commented that a high percentage of people had actually opened the Newsletter. He noted that Davis Flight Support does receive hazardous waste from on airport non-business owners and aircraft based here. This includes small amounts of waste fuel, tires, batteries but no used oil. He also discussed briefly that the AAC was now planning to meet on a quarterly basis. Announced the Yolo County Sheriff was seeking to replace their current aircraft and there would be fund raising activities including a potential fly in on May 21, 2016.

3.a Quorum

3.a.1 A quorum was established for the AAC.

4. Approval of Agenda.

a. Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda by Scribner and second by Larsen;
Motion passed.

AYES	4
NOES	0
ABSENT	2
ABSTAIN	0

5. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2015 Joint Meeting.

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes from November 4, 2015 Joint Meeting by Larsen and second by Scribner; Motion passed.

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ABSENT	2
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6. Fence schedule update – Staff

Gary Engel took questions and shared information noting that the fencing project was fast approaching completion. Pelfrey noted the draft signup document was available for review and comment on the County Website and in the Newsletter that had been sent out.

Public: Is the system going to use both a PIN number and card for entrance and how will they be distributed?

Engel: Both a PIN and card will be used. Davis Flight Support will distribute a PIN after appropriate paperwork is completed. The County will issue cards for contractors when appropriate paperwork is completed. At this point we are not ready to distribute.

Public: What is the plan to give transient aircraft the ability to depart the airport and return back through the gates?

Pelfrey: The same process used at other similar airports and accepted by transient aircraft is recommended and could be used having a re-entry code posted on the gate as you depart the airport.

Engel: We will make note and address.

Public: Will you need to use the PIN pad or card reader when you pull up to the gate to depart the airport?

Engel: No there are sensors in the ground for the automated gates when will open gates for departure.

Public: What happens when there is a power outage and the gates will not operate?

Engel: We will make note and address.

Public: How will public access Aviation Ave. will they be assigned a card or PIN?

Engel: Aviation Ave. has no restrictions and is an open access road just as it currently is now.

Public: How will airport expect to handle events such as the EAA Pancake Breakfast? Can the gates be left open for this?

Engel: We will need to review and advise on this.

Pelfrey: It would be good to see some minor fence repairs completed along Road 95 and Road 29 where the barbwire cattle fencing is missing strands or knocked down.

Engel: We will review this.

7. Taxiway paving rehabilitating update – Staff

Gary Engel shared information regarding pavement rehabilitation in the taxiway areas. This was not for the runway or main taxiways. Engel noted many of the larger potholes had been repaired and they had been working around weather conditions. He noted also they were looking at the root cause of the pavement degradation which was a result of drainage problems. He explained the work is being reviewed and moving forward.

Public: Why doesn't the street sweeper sweep all taxiways and parking areas?

Pelfrey: They come out once per month and do a prescribed area that was initially mapped out. There had been consistency issues where they were not coming out routinely. This has been resolved and they are coming out once per month as required. The sweeping company also had issues with driver changes requiring a refresh and instruction with each new driver.

Public: Can I see a copy of the map the street sweeper is supposed to follow?

Pelfrey: I have not seen it for awhile and probably with County.

Engel: I will look it up and make available.

Public: Is the sweeper an independent operator or do they do work for Yolo County also?

Pelfrey: They also do work for Yolo County.

Public: Can the sweeper do other areas on the airport due to the amount of loose gravel that needs to be cleaned up?

Engel: We will review their scope of work and cost to do additional areas and mark on map accordingly.

8. Powered parachute usage discussion Yolo County Airport.

Pelfrey started Item No. 8 on the Agenda by reviewing the complaints or related activities that had been received since the last AAC meeting including PPC issues.

There were neighbors who had complaints and issues with powered parachutes (PPC) in attendance at the meeting. There were pilots who had complaints and issues with PPC in attendance at the meeting. There were owners of PPC at the meeting who are advocates for PPC. Various elements of the Public voiced strong opinions regarding PPC from how they were flying low over their homes, scaring animals, and damaging crops. Pilots expressed concern from PPC not following established procedures and requiring on a pilot to take evasive action. PPC defended their sport sharing more information and how it is regulated. All parties were given the opportunity to make their points known.

A recent complaint on January 30, 2016 appeared to have neighbors and PPC operators the most upset and images of the PPC were presented which showed a PPC low over a home for a period of time. PPC attendees of the meeting noted it was not them and they understood the irritation of the neighbors. Some PPC attendees also noted they live in Winters, like and want to use Yolo County Airport, own animals and would not want them bothered also. PPC operators noted this type of incident was a very small percentage and was not representative of trained and responsible PPC operators who do follow rules.

Pelfrey reviewed the Lincoln Powered Parachute Field requirements in place at Lincoln Field. This was reviewed and the level of detail and support required to institute and continue to operate discussed.

A PPC operator provided an explanation of the regulations he follows and his background along with the desire to be a good fit at Yolo County Airport.

Following a spirited discussion it became clear an Ad-Hoc Committee made up of AAC members, neighbors, and PPC operators was possible as individuals expressed an interest to work together and better understand the requirements and needs of everyone and report back at the next AAC meeting to present their work and get input.

- a. **Motion to continue to monitor the situation and create an Ad-Hoc Committee made up of AAC members, neighbors, and PPC operators, who will meet and prepare recommendations to be presented at the next AAC meeting for further discussion and possible action by Larsen and second by Scribner; Motion passed.**

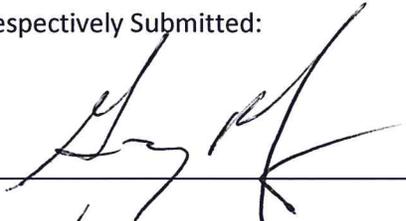
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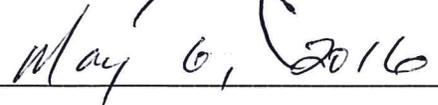
Pelfrey identified individuals to serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee based on improved tone of meeting as group agreed to work together for a solution regarding PPC at Yolo County Airport. After review of the Ad-Hoc Committees recommendations and further public comment the intent for the AAC is to make recommendations and advise the Airport Manager.

9. **Next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2016 with location Davis Flight Support.**

10. **Meeting was moved to adjournment by Pelfrey at 8:05 PM.**

Respectively Submitted:


_____, Gary Pelfrey, Chair Aviation Advisory Committee


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End of *Minutes*