

Yolo County Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC)

February 21, 2018

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

The following members were in attendance from the AAC.

Present: Gary Pelfrey (Chair), Blake Jessen, Joel Larsen, Stanley Maricich, Patrick Scribner, Greg Wyatt

Absent: None

Staff: Gary Engel

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by AAC Chair Gary Pelfrey.

2. Introductions

Members of the AAC Board introduced themselves.

3. Public Comment / Announcements / Non-Agenda Items

- A. Skydance skydiving business on the airport asked to learn more about the current design and construction of the retention ponds, slated for installation on the east side of the airport property in 2019. Gary Engel, Airport Manager agreed to connect the architect firm with Skydance representatives for that purpose.
- B. DQ University, a school in the local area may be reopening, spurning calls to Davis Flight Support regarding the possibility.
- C. The card reader at Gate 2 (center) is still not working and another call was made to the Golden Gate Fence company. The airport manager is awaiting a return to the call as it was not picked up and a message was left.
- D. The turkeys at the north end of the field are encroaching onto the runway causing serious concern. The airport manager will contact the appropriate agency to remove the turkeys for good.
- E. A coyote was spotted on the runway, but eluded animal services. The final analysis is that the animal is healthy and should be avoided while landing. Mike Mueller will be contacted by the airport manager to manage the coyote.

4. The committee chair recognized a quorum

5. The agenda was approved by Pat Scribner and seconded by Joel Larson.

6. The past minutes were approved after a minor change to a date on past minutes document by Joel Larson and seconded by Blake Jessen.

7. Skydance skydiving, voiced concern on the catch basins slated for installation in 2019. They cautioned on the dangers of fencing and ditches in the area of incoming parachute jumpers. To learn more about the design and construction, Gary Engel will call a meeting with Skydance and the County's architectural firm to review the project. Meeting should be called during March 2018.

8. Airport Manager report –

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- A. Fence gate #2 – the gate’s card reader is inoperable and defective. Golden Gate Fence has been called a number of times and as of these minutes was called again, with no contact other than a message machine. The airport manager will make contact and get someone out to replace the reader.
 - B. CalTrans airport inspection – CalTrans is contracted by the FAA to inspect GA airports receiving FAA funding. An inspection was conducted on February 9, 2018 and revealed only one discrepancy; trees extending into the 7:1 Transitional Surface (navigable airspace) on off-airport property to the west of the airport. Contact was made with at least one resident with a meeting of all residents planned for the coming month where this issue will be presented and a plan of action will be developed.
9. Review flight pattern -
- A. Given special circumstances regarding parachute drops near the airfield, the committee advised to incorporate special instructions on the AWOS message going out over the Internet, to include “Right side traffic for Runway 16” and “Calm wind Runway 34.” Also suggested was, “Parachute use 7-days a week east side of the field.”
 - B. Additionally, similar information will be recorded for the AWOS voice notification system.
 - C. The airfield wind sock requires replacement and once we determine the size, it will be.
10. New hangar position review by the committee –
- A. A suggested location for a new hangar near the County’s tie-down area was not recommended by the committee. The committee is committed to aligning with the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and this area was not designated as a potential spot for a hangar.
 - B. Since the meeting, a new location was found, which is identified on the ALP as approved for hangar placement. This location aligns with the ALP and will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the end of March 2018. The location is near the large box hangars in the northern half of the airfield.
11. Meeting adjourned - moved by Greg Wyatt, seconded by Blake Jessen.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Engel

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Airport Manager