

Airport Advisory Committee Minden-Tahoe Airport Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2009

The August 20, 2009 meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) was held at the Douglas County Commission Chambers, 1616 Eighth Street, Minden, Nevada. AAC members present were Chairman Bradford, Members LaSor, Baushke (arrived 6 :20 p.m.), Christy, Hayes, and Wendling. Member Spires was unable to attend due to conflict with a prior business meeting. County representatives/employees in attendance: Keith Kallman, Airport Manager, Michael McCormick, Assistant District Attorney (arrived 6:50 p.m.), and Sonja Strom, Secretary; and Brandy McMahan, Senior Planner. Others in attendance: Shawn Meehan and John Marsalis.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bradford at 6:00 p.m., followed by self-introduction of AAC members and staff and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2009, Meeting.

Member Wendling moved approval of the minutes of July 9, 2009; motion seconded by Member LaSor. Considerable discussion ensued concerning the FAA non-compliance issue and the loss of almost \$700,000 grant money for 2009. Member Hayes inquired whether there was any discussion of the fact this loss negates comments from some that the FAA never does anything about noncompliance. Airport Manager Kallman went on to explain that funding was reduced in that the FAA bases grants on the last approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP) which, for Minden-Tahoe Airport, is dated 1998. New submittals will not be approved until the correct acceptable aircraft weight is reflected in the new ALP). The biggest effect of the reduction in funding would impact the soaring community and construction of a dirt runway which would have been constructed to improve safety at the airport. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment.

None.

4. Presentation by Community Development Department on status of zoning in and around the Area Influence Area of Minden-Tahoe Airport.

Brandy McMahan, Douglas County Senior Planner, was in attendance to make a presentation on the existing zoning surrounding Airport property (information packet attached). Additionally, there was general discussion concerning the construction of the Grace Community Church at or near the runway protection zone, the purpose of avigation easements, noise impacts and testing. Airport Manager Kallman discussed the zoning recommendations in the Airport Master Plan, with a map showing the Airport Improvement area about three miles, recommendations pertaining to the flight paths and different types of zoning. Manager Kallman suggest the AAC review the Airport Master Plan zoning recommendations at the next meeting and make a proposal for Community Development to consider for the type of zoning the Airport would like to see. Ms. McMahan suggested creating policy for noise abatement to be put into the Master Plan and possibly an overlay zone would be another good option.

5. Discussion and possible action on presentation on zoning status.

Chairman Bradford requested a presentation on the Airport Master Plan Zoning Recommendations from the Airport Manager be agendaized for the next meeting and that a representative from Community Development be invited to attend.

6. Discussion and possible action on revisions to Marketing Plan from the June 18, 2009 meeting.

Chairman Bradford asked that discussion on the Marketing Plan be delayed to the September meeting of the AAC.

7. Staff Update.

Airport Manager Kallman advised that the preconstruction meeting for the pavement rehabilitation in the hangar area would be held August 25 and work was anticipated to begin shortly thereafter. Staff anticipated some operational difficulties in the hangar area, but would minimize them to the extent possible and would make every effort to ensure hangar tenants were notified in advance. He also provided an update on the status of the Airport access gates which is nearing completion, and would allow airport businesses to authorize entry for their customers via the telephone system. Chairman Bradford inquired about the status of the Airport perimeter fencing. Manager Kallman advised that it is closed to vehicular traffic (barriers were there is no fencing). The remainder is in the phasing in the Master Plan but will probably not be a high priority for federal funds.

8. AAC Reports.

Chairman Bradford commented that he and Member Baushke had been working under the guidance of the Board of County Commissioners making presentations at public meetings on the FAA Compliance Issue, meetings held at the CVIC Hall and the Lake Tahoe Transportation Center. More meetings are being coordinated for the public to input their ideas for the Use Ordinance and receive comments on the three options proposed by the County. The Committee reviewed the scheduled future meetings and the Chairman requested volunteers to share in the presentations. Member Baushke stated that there must be a minimum of five "workshops" on the meeting for the public but more were scheduled at convenient locations throughout the County to encourage attendance. In addition, meetings were being scheduled with the homes associations and service clubs in an effort to receive as much as input as possible. Member Baushke added that there are three draft options proposed by the County and the object is take input from the public on all three and then the AAC would provide feedback to the BOCC to assist in their selection of the ballot option. The members proceeded to volunteer for the various meeting presentations.

Chairman Bradford requested that the Marketing Plan, including an open airport day and a soaring event be placed on the September 18, 2009 agenda for discussion. Member Wendling inquired on behalf of the Minden-Tahoe Airport Business Owners Association about marketing for the powered aircraft. The Chair indicated that could be discussed at the September meeting. Member LaSor indicated there will be a motorized glider event at the Airport August 21-23, 2009 and that in January 2010 the Soaring Society of American will be holding a convention in Arkansas and Reno is being proposed for the following bi-annual convention.

Assistant District Attorney Michael McCormick asked the committee if they would consider moving their meetings to the second Thursday of each month as the meeting currently falls on the same day as the Lake Tahoe BOCC meeting which both he and Airport staff are sometimes required to attend. It was agreed amongst the members that this would be agreeable, to begin for the October 8, 2009 meeting.

9. Adjournment.

At 7:35 p.m., Member Hayes moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Member LaSor and carried unanimously.