

Airport Advisory Committee Minden-Tahoe Airport Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2009

The July 9, 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, Spires Baushke, Christy, and Wendling. Member Hayes was unable to attend due to the change in meeting date conflict with a prior business meeting. County representatives/employees in attendance: Keith Kallman, Airport Manager, Todd Gressick Airport Operations Supervisor, Michael McCormick, Assistant District Attorney, and Sonja Strom, Secretary; Jim Madsen, Planning Commission. Others in attendance: Steven Swabacker (Carson Valley Vanguard Coalition), Blair Henry (Skydive Tahoe) 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 the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introduction of AAC members and staff.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2009, Meeting.

Member Baushke moved approval of the minutes of June 18, 2009; motion seconded by Member LaSor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment.

Blair Henry introduced himself as representing Skydive Tahoe. He advised they are still looking for a drop zone and advise of their desire to continue operations in the local community, stating that if anyone had any suggestions, they would be appreciated.

Jim Madsen, Douglas County Planning Commission member, advised the Commission had met on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 to consider three administrative documents for wording changes only. In response to inquiry by Member Spires, Mr. Madsen stated he thought the presentation on the compliance issue was on the right track, agreeing with suggested revisions. He felt the comparison to the V&T Railroad which is in the process of expensive restoration was a good example of how the closing of the Minden-Tahoe Airport could impact future generations.

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

Member Wendling moved approval of the Marketing Document with the inclusion of the June 18, 2009 comments. Motion seconded by Member Baushke and carried unanimously.

5. Review and discussion on revisions to the Value of an Airport presentation.

Chairman Bradford stated that he, Member Baushke and County/Airport staff had been reviewing and revising the Value of an Airport Presentation (now titled FAA Compliance Issue) in that the Board of County Commissioners have determined to bring the Weight Ordinance to the community for revision. The AAC had been requested to assist in getting information out to the public by conducting presentations. The first public meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at CVIC Hall in Minden and the second on July 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Stateline Transportation Center. Following that a number of other presentations would be made

to various citizen groups so that the public will be informed of the necessary revisions and can make an enlightened decision when it comes before them on the November 2010 ballot.

Chairman Bradford and Member Baushke went through the presentation, slide by slide, receiving comments and suggestions for revision from members of the AAC, staff and counsel, and the general public. (Copy of presentation slides attached to these minutes.) At the conclusion of this rather lengthy discussion item, the Chair requested that appropriate members of staff include the revisions discussed prior to a scheduled July 13 meeting for final review.

6. Staff Update.

Airport Manager Kallman overviewed a memo describing the ACIP Five-Year Plan, data from which had been included in the presentation. He then overviewed a handout representing the first quarterly report developed based on the recently adopted Noise Procedure. Member Spires requested that the report include the number of annual operations at Minden-Tahoe Airport as shown for the three comparative airports.

Operations Supervisor Gressick advised that the bid opening for AIP projects at the Airport is scheduled for next week. Unfortunately, staff had just been notified by the FAA that they are pulling out the funding for the east side and the run-up apron as there is no currently approved Airport Layout Plan. This reduction in funds is a direct result of the Airport's non-compliance issue. He also overviewed the updated Visitor Information Survey results.

7. AAC Reports.

Chairman Bradford advised South Lake Tahoe Airport is moving ahead in good shape. He indicated Manager Rick Jenkins is retiring, Sherry Miller being selected as his replacement. He stated they are taking out a patch in front of the terminal building which is the last step towards accepting commercial traffic. The rerouting of the Truckee River had been completed, contributing to the clarity of Lake Tahoe.

Chairman Bradford then offered congratulations to Fred LaSor for being awarded the Soaring Society of America's Region 11 "Most Active Instructor in the ABC and Bronze Badge Program for the third time.

8. Adjournment.

At 8:18 p.m., Member Baushke moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Member LaSor and carried unanimously.