
**PLUMAS COUNTY
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION**

Minutes - November 28, 2007

The Plumas County Airport Land Use Commission convenes in their regular meeting on November 28, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in the Portola Library Conference Room; Chair Carl Felts presiding. Members appointed are as follows:

1. Carl Felts, Chair;
2. George Terhune, Vice Chair;
3. Herb Bishop, Commissioner;
4. Bill Weaver, Commissioner;
5. B.J. Pearson, Commissioner;
6. Dan English, Commissioner,
7. *Commissioner Vacancy*

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Carl Felts, George Terhune, Herb Bishop, Bill Weaver, B.J. Pearson

Absent: Dan English

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Felts calls for a motion. Motion is made by Vice Chair Terhune to approve the agenda. Commissioner Weaver seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Felts calls for a motion. Motion is made by Commissioner Bishop to approve the minutes from October and October 29, 2007. Commissioner Weaver seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions of Commission Members and Attendees are made.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Felts opens the Public Comment Period.

Toodie Marshall, member of the Plumas County Airport Association, the California Pilots Association, and AOPA, distributes copies of the California Pilots Association publication titled, *Airport Advocate (Nov/Dec)*.

VI. **BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CORNER** - Opportunity for County Supervisors to address issues related to the ALUC

No supervisors present.

VII. **STAFF REPORT**

Randy Wilson, Planning Director (Interim), explains that he has located old maps for the most recent Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan and James Graham, Assistant Planning Director (Interim), shows the maps to the Commissioners. Wilson adds that efforts are needed to research applicable law and then update the ALUC Compatibility Plan.

General discussion takes place among staff and Commissioners about the recent adoption by ALUC of the diagrams showing sphere of influence areas for Plumas County Airports. Director Wilson cites State law Section 21675C dealing with land use planning and asks the Commission if the sphere of influence boundaries were established after a hearing and consultation with the involved agencies. Chair Felts responds that efforts were made to invite all involved agencies to attend a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing the boundaries; however, attendance by those agencies was extremely minimal.

George Bundy, Beckwourth Fire District, mentions concerns he has about construction that has taken place at Beckwourth Airport without fire department consideration. Vice Chair Terhune informs Bundy that his concerns fall in the realm of general airport function and therefore would not be considered part of the ALUC process.

VIII. **COMMISSION COMMENT PERIOD**

A. Chair Report

Chair Felts mentions the ongoing discussions at the ABWAC meetings concerning the future of vehicle use on the Chester meadow areas. Felts states the next ABWAC meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2007.

B. Commissioners' Comments

Vice Chair Terhune mentions that an individual he thought would apply for the ALUC vacancy will not apply after all. Toodie Marshall states that Joe Kennedy has expressed interest in the vacant position. George Bundy adds that he may be interested in applying.

C. Subcommittee Reports

1. ALUC Plan for Gansner Airport at Quincy

Vice Chair Terhune distributes and reviews a handout he has prepared titled, *Plumas County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for Gansner Airport at Quincy*. Terhune advises that the ALUC should consider doing the following: "keep things simple," take advantage of models found on the internet rather than hiring consultants, list what they want to do prior to the presentation by Joanne

McDermott from Cal Trans Aeronautics, and prepare a resolution to establish a temporary consultation committee for the ALUC.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Old Business

1. Conflict of Interest Rule for Members
2. Fees for Commission Services
3. Special Rules and Regulations for Commission

Chair Felts suggests that these items are combined into one document and also add wording that addresses general conduct criteria. Brief discussion takes place among Felts, Terhune and Wilson about fees per hour verses fees set in proportion to the value of the project. Wilson states he will provide fee information at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Terhune states that staff time and Commissioners' time spent on a project will somewhat be determined by the completeness provided by the applicant. Felts adds that as Commissioners review the handbook further, they will have a better understanding of the standards that need to be met for each project.

4. Chester Airport (Rogers Field) Plan

Director Wilson states that the Chester Airport Master Plan has not been adopted by the Board of Supervisors and suggests that the proposed seaplane base, marina, and cross-wind runway should not be considered viable at this time. Wilson says the extension of the existing runway is considered a viable possibility.

B. New Business

1. Commission / Commissioner Liability

Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary, relays that Kelly Stane, Risk Manager, says Commissioners are covered under the County insurance policy. Commissioner Pearson asks specifically what the policy states. Director Wilson says he will provide follow-up information regarding the specifics of the policy.

2. Presentation by John Sheehan, Plumas Corporation – Chester Visitor Center

John Sheehan, Plumas Corporation Director, provides information pertaining to a joint use visitor's center proposed to be built at what commonly is known as the "Bash" property adjacent to the Chester Airport. Sheehan expresses his desire to have the ALUC's "blessing" to move forward with an application to the FAA for approval of the project. Vice Chair Terhune distinguishes between FAA regulations and what the ALUC would deal with on a project of this nature. Commissioner Pearson agrees that the ALUC should give their approval for Sheehan to move forward, but he also suggests that staff write

up findings of fact. Sheehan explains that findings have already been provided by Reinhard Brandley, Consultant, but that he would be amenable to ALUC findings as well. Sheehan adds that once this project is approved, funding would be required from the County and most likely Forest Service, Park Service, and P.G.& E.

3. Presentation by Commissioner Bishop - Beckwourth Airport Future Plans

Commissioner Bishop provides a brief history of the Beckwourth Airport and explains that future considerations for a master plan might include extending the runway, adding more hanger pads, and dealing with the impact of noise.

4. Vice Chair Terhune provides the wording for a resolution to establish a temporary consultation committee (see Exhibit "A"). Pearson makes a motion to approve the resolution. Terhune seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Presentation by Joanne McDermott (Cal Trans) – Handbook overview
- B. Unfinished Business

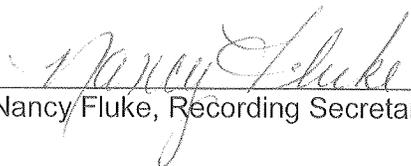
X. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Felts calls for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pearson moves to adjourn the meeting of November 14, 2007. Vice Chair Terhune seconds the motion with a unanimous affirmative voice vote recorded. The meeting adjourns at 5:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for December 19, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



Carl Felts, Chairman
Plumas County
Airport Land Use Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

RESOLUTION No. 07 – 1

(Resolution establishing a temporary consultation committee for the Airport Land Use Commission)

WHEREAS PUC Section 21675 (c) requires the ALUC to adopt Airport Influences Areas "after hearing and consultation with the involved agencies," and the ALUC believes this hearing and consultation should involve all elements of each Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Plumas County Airport Land Use Commission appoints the Chair and Vice Chair to be a temporary Consultation Committee for the following purposes:

1. Assemble a First Draft ALUCP for each of the three airports similar to the draft ALUCP for Gansner Airport discussed at the Commission meeting of November 28, 2007; and
2. Conduct informal consultations with the affected County agencies and other interested parties in order to:
 - a. Explain ALUC processes and the First Draft ALUCPs, and
 - b. Obtain feedback and suggestions for the whole Commission to consider as it prepares Final Draft ALUCPs prior to such formal consultations and hearings as may be required or found expedient by the Commission.

The forgoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Airport Land Use Commission, County of Plumas, State of California, a regular meeting of said Commission held on the fourteenth (14th) day of November, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Five (5) Commissioner(s)
NOES: Zero (0) Commissioner(s)
ABSENT: One (1) Commissioner(s)

Chairman, Airport Land Use Commission

ATTEST:

Clerk of said Commission