
**PLUMAS COUNTY
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION**
Minutes - August 19, 2009

The Plumas County Airport Land Use Commission convenes in their regular meeting on August 19, 2009, at 2:01 p.m. in the Planning & Building Services 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. William Weaver, Commissioner;
5. B.J. Pearson, Commissioner;
6. Alan Holloway Commissioner,
7. Cal Westra, Commissioner.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Carl Felts, George Terhune, William Weaver, Alan Holloway, Herb Bishop, Cal Westra, Bill Mainland (proxy)

Absent: B.J. Pearson

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Felts calls for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion is made by Westra. Weaver seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes are available for approval.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

The following attendees introduce themselves to the Commission:

George Bundy – Beckwourth Fire District
Toodie and Bob Marshall – Plumas County Airports Association.
Greg McCaffrey, Chief – Beckwourth Fire
Jim Webster – Webster Engineering, Quincy
Dan Brandes, Facilities Director – Plumas District Hospital

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Felts opens the Public Comment Period. No comments are made. Felts closes the Public Comment Period.

VI. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Opportunity for County Supervisors to address issues related to the ALUC.

No Supervisors are present.

VII. REPORT BY JOE WILSON – FACILITY SERVICES

Joe Wilson, Director - Facility Services, provides an update that the Beckwourth Fire Station project has been funded by the Federal Stimulus Package under the Obama Administration in the amount of 2.2 million. Wilson elaborates that this facility will be shared by Forest Service, Hot Shots, Beckwourth Fire District, Care Flight and possibly CDF. Wilson says they will be constructing a land lease agreement with the Forest Service—it will be a long-term lease blessed by the FAA. Wilson expects an application from the County and Forest Service jointly in the next couple of months. Wilson continues that it will require a Special Use Permit from the Planning Department. Wilson adds that this project is beneficial to all parties involved. Greg McCaffrey explains that the goal of the Fire District is to have two vehicles at the facility (type 2 urban interface, Aircraft Rescue/Fire Fighting vehicle). Bob Marshall from the Plumas County Airports Association asks if a CEQA has been done on this project and Wilson responds that there have been a couple of CEQAs done on the property.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. Status of Projects – No Report.

IX. COMMISSION COMMENT PERIOD

A. Chair Report

Felts reports that the State Aeronautics Division will not be addressing the propane tank issue in Sierra Valley.

B. Commissioners' Comment

Westra announces that he is selling his property at Lake Almanor and there is a likelihood he will move out of County. Westra states he is resigning from the ALUC and expresses his sentiments that it has been an honor to serve.

C. Subcommittee Reports – No Report.

X. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. **Old Business**

B. **Old Business**

1. **Fees and Compensation – Discussion and Possible Action.**

Continue discussion regarding setting fees for ALUC services and compensation to the Commission in order to carry out its business, per PUC.

Felts states that the Board has suggested that Felts meet with the Planning Director and CAO to discuss the budget for ALUC. Felts adds that this item will be continued to the next ALUC meeting.

2. **Election of Officers**

Weaver makes the motion to retain Felts as the Chair for the ALUC. Bishop seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the following roll call vote:

Felts – Yes
Terhune – Yes
Bishop – Yes
Pearson – Absent
Mainland (proxy) – Yes
Holloway – Yes
Westra – Yes
Weaver – Yes

Weaver makes the motion to retain Terhune as the Vice Chair for the ALUC. Bishop seconds the motion. The motion is carried by the following roll call vote:

Felts – Yes
Terhune – Yes
Bishop – Yes
Pearson – Absent
Mainland (proxy) – Yes
Holloway – Yes
Westra – Yes
Weaver – Yes

B. **New Business**

1. **Plumas District Hospital Expansion Project - Quincy (Senior Planner, Becky Herrin). Discussion and Possible Action.**

Jim Graham, Senior Planner, explains that Herrin could not attend the meeting but she has provided Graham and the Commissioners a copy of her recommendation. Graham

elaborates on where this project falls within the compatibility zones and height requirements as set forth in the ALUCP. Graham states that essentially Herrin's recommendation falls under Safety Compatibility Zone 6 and Graham reads that item in the ALUCP. Graham explains that the word "avoid" in this case means the use should generally not be permitted unless there are no feasible alternatives available. Graham explains that Herrin comments in her report that in working with Mr. Brandes from Plumas District Hospital, the hospital has spent a considerable amount of time and effort trying to locate alternate sites, but has settled on the existing site as the most feasible for a variety reasons. Graham adds that Herrin is recommending that the Commission determines that the expansion of the hospital is compatible with that Compatibility Zone and with airport surface areas laid out in FAA Part 77. Terhune recommends in the future that instead of Staff referring to the Handbook, they could limit their reference source to the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Terhune clarifies that the Handbook is not the decisive document. Terhune also compliments Herrin for providing an exemplary document. Felts calls for a motion. Terhune moves that the Commission approves the project as described in the proposed action for consideration. Weaver seconds the motion and a unanimous voice vote is recorded. Brandes comments that he appreciates the action of the ALUC to approve this project and that using the existing site is truly more economical and maximizes use of the current facility.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Unfinished Business
- B. Appoint Bill Mainland to replace exiting member, Cal Westra
- C. New Proxy
- D. Update on the Chester PUD/Fire building project at the Chester Airport.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Felts calls for a motion to adjourn. Weaver makes a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 19, 2009. Westra seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded. The meeting adjourns at 2:27 p.m.

The next ALUC regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2009, 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