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**PLUMAS COUNTY  
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION**

Minutes - November 18, 2009

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The Plumas County Airport Land Use Commission convenes in their regular meeting on November 18, 2009, at 2:02 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. Bill Mainland, Commissioner.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Alan Holloway

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Pearson suggests that *Item X-B-2* takes place before *Item X-B-1*. Wilson suggests an update on the new website is included as part of *Item VIII*.

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

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Felts calls for a motion to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2009. Motion is made by Weaver. Pearson seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**IV. INTRODUCTIONS – Bill Turner, Chief of Chester Fire, and Joe Wilson, Director of Facility Services introduce themselves.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Felts opens the Public Comment Period. Hearing none, 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**

Wilson states that weather reports for the Chester area will soon be on the Internet. Wilson adds that a contact number pertaining to Chester weather is 258-2860.

Wilson reports that logging has taken place on the “County side” of the Chester Airport and that logging will continue next year on the “Forest Service side” of the airport.

Wilson states that clearing/grading has taken place in the runway safety area at the Beckwourth Airport. Felts questions Wilson about the status of the Multi Agency Fire Base. Wilson provides an update that the location will be north of the runway and that an MOU is moving forward with the County to do some work on the project. Pearson asks Wilson if there is enough property for the project. Wilson responds that there may be a need for, and an interest in, acquiring more land in the future.

**VIII. STAFF REPORT**

**A. Update on Website**

Dennis Miller, GIS Coordinator, provides a visual presentation regarding the Planning and Building website ([www.plumascountyplanningandbuilding.com](http://www.plumascountyplanningandbuilding.com)). Miller explains that the following information will be provided on the ALUC area of that website:

- Introduction to ALUC
- Policies, Rules, and Regulations
- Meeting Information
- Agendas and Minutes
- Commissioner Information
- Airport Land Use Information
- Maps
- Pertinent CEQA and Zoning Information

Miller adds that he intends to make this a website that is convenient and easy to use with the potential for various interactive capabilities.

**B. Status of Projects – No report.**

**IX. COMMISSION COMMENT PERIOD**

**A. Chair Report**

Felts states that he gave a quarterly ALUC update to the Board of Supervisors specifically pointing out that Cal Westra resigned and Bill Mainland, Proxy, has assumed the vacancy. Felts adds that there was some concern on the part of County Council because the vacancy was not noticed to the public. Felts states that he will wait for County Council to get back to him to say if the vacancy was filled incorrectly.

**B. Commissioners' Comment**

Weaver states that he has been contemplating who could fill the role of Proxy for ALUC and will hopefully have a recommendation at a future meeting.

**C. Subcommittee Reports – No Report.**

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Old Business**

**1. Fees and Compensation.**

Felts expresses his frustration with the County because approximately two years have passed and there is still not resolution on the matter of fees and compensation for ALUC. Felts details the steps he has taken and the feedback he was given over the course of this period of time which has led him to place *Items B-1-(a. through e.)* on the agenda. Wilson responds that recent discussions with the Chair of the Board have been favorable for mileage compensation and that the matter is slated to appear on the Board agenda the second meeting of December. Felts calls for a motion to continue this item to the December meeting. Mainland makes the motion. Weaver seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

**B. New Business**

**1. In the event the County does not grant the ALUC a budget for the Calendar Year 2009, the Chair suggests the following items for consideration by the Commission.**

Felts asks the Commissioners if any of them would like to remove any of the following items (a. through e.) from discussion/action at this time. Lengthy discussion takes place among the Commissioners and the following decisions are noted below:

- a. **Reverse all authority given to the Planning Department and thus require all actions be brought to the ALUC.**

Motion is made by Weaver to remove this item from consideration at this meeting. Pearson seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

- b. **The Commission changes meeting frequency to every other month to reduce travel expenses.**

A motion is made by Pearson that the ALUC will meet once a year or more often when called by the Chair. Weaver seconded the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote was recorded.

- c. **All members of the Commission resign and notify the appropriate bodies: the Division, FAA, and the State Attorney General's Office.**

Motion is made by Weaver to remove this item from consideration at this meeting. Terhune seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

- d. **Take the Commissioners' grievances to the County Grand Jury.**

Pearson makes the motion to approve taking the Commissioners' grievances to the County Grand Jury. Mainland seconds the motion. The following voice roll call vote is recorded, resulting in the motion not passing:

Felts – Abstain  
Terhune – No  
Pearson – Yes  
Bishop – Yes  
Mainland – Yes  
Weaver – Abstain  
Holloway - Absent

- e. **Publicize the Commissioners' grievances in the local newspaper.**

Motion is made by Weaver to remove this item from consideration at this meeting. Terhune seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

- 2. **Plumas County Airports – Special Use Permit U 9-09/10-01 – 251 Chester Airport Road, Chester, APN: 100-410-046.** *Proposal to establish a fire station facility and office space for the Chester Public Utility District (CPUD) and Chester Fire Protection District (CFPD) within existing buildings previously used by Cascade Orthopedics.*

Senior Planner, Graham, introduces the project and reviews the staff recommendation with the Commissioners. Felts raises concern regarding the possibility that the maximum occupancy (120 individuals) could be exceeded, particularly if the building had to be used as a command center during an emergency situation. Weaver adds that in such cases, the Fire Marshall has the legal authority to approve use of the facility above maximum occupancy. Pearson suggests that language is added to the conditions reflecting this point. Felts calls for a motion to approve Special Use Permit U 9-09/10-01 with language added pertaining to the legal authority of the Fire Marshall to expand occupancy in an emergency situation. Motion is made by Pearson. Weaver seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

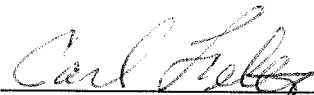
**XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Unfinished Business**

**XII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Felts calls for a motion to adjourn. Weaver makes a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 18, 2009. Pearson seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded. The meeting adjourns at 3:43 p.m.

The next ALUC regular meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



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Carl Felts, Chairman  
Plumas County  
Airport Land Use Commission



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Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary