

Minutes for Mono Basin RPAC 10-9-13

Members Present: Bartshe Miller, Ilene Mandelbaum, Chris Lizza, Tim Hansen, Steve Connett, Mark Logan;

Public Attendees and presenters: Jim Leddy, Courtney Weiche, Deanna Dulen, Garrett Higerd, Duncan King, Jon Urdi.

1. Called to Order at 6:36
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Jim Leddy: announced here was present in place of Tim Alpers who is recovering;
 - b. Courtney Weiche: announced she was present in place of Scott Burns and Heater DeBethizy;
 - c. Mark Logan: announced he is starting a movement to have Mono County secede from the State of California and if anyone else is interested to contact him;
 - d. Duncan King: described the 'good news' relating to a celebration held recently at Grant Dam with LADWP engineers announcing a restoration project on Rush Creek and congratulated all of the organizations involved;
3. Minutes:
 - a. June 8: Motion by Mandelbaum, second by Hansen to pass with correction by Logan at item 2 regarding not going to war in Syria and not supporting the Affordable Healthcare Act. 3 Ayes, 3 Abstentions;
4. Supervisor's Report (Leddy): Highlights from the Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday:
 - a. New MOU in place to reestablish the Bridgeport gun range in a new location;
 - b. Paramedic program requesting Prop. 172 funds;;
 - c. Did not approve a request for an easement by SCE to cross County lands with a water diversion to Mill Creek due to expense to County of CEQA review ;
5. Chairman's Report:
 - a. Expressed appreciation to Lisa Cutting for ably chairing the last RPAC meeting;
 - b. LADWP agreed to add a new conveyance to Grant Dam in order to restore high flows to Rush Creek;
6. Members' Reports:
 - a. Lizza: Reported on Planning Commission actions from last month, including the proposed installation of a cell tower at the June Lake PUD parcel at the north end of the Mono Basin, and the agenda for tomorrow;
 - b. Hansen:
 - i. at the last Board of Supervisors meeting, he read a letter from the MBRPAC thanking them for the recently completed infrastructure projects in Lee Vining;
 - ii. thanked the County staff members present for attending;
 - c. Logan:
 - i. expressed appreciation for Cutting's chairing last month;
 - ii. expressed appreciation for the County's work in the community;

7. Jon Urdi, Director, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, presented a powerpoint description of local airline subsidies:
 - a. The subsidy is a minimum revenue guarantee of actual cost plus twenty percent. Cost is about \$13k/ft, and the plane needs 70-80% occupancy to break even;
 - b. He hopes the subsidy doesn't end – service should be expanded instead;
 - c. Contributions include Mammoth TOT taxes, TBID collections (mostly from MMSA), and Mono County (\$50k)

Note: Item 9 was moved ahead in the agenda by unanimous consent to accommodate attendees:

8. (9) Mono City Emergency Road update:
 - a. Jim Leddy: Board of Supervisors has directed staff to work to install crash gates and remove boulders, but unable to meet with BLM due to Federal Government shutdown;
 - b. Hansen: Caltrans still needs to install an apron, but there's no MOU with the BLM;
 - c. Dulen:
 - i. Distributed a handout with aerial photo and notes;
 - ii. Called a 'secondary road' in the EA, should be an 'emergency access road.'
 - iii. EA failed to identify crash gates in the intended locations;
 - iv. Mono City needs an emergency response plan to accompany the road to insure proper management as well as a fuels management plan. Reestablish the Fire Safe Council to address this and all other risks.
 - v. Presented a letter addressed to Supervisor Alpers to Chairman Miller;
 - d. The RPAC requested Larry Primosch to attend the next meeting to address the gate issues;
9. (8) Airport Layout Plan:
 - a. Garret Higerd distributed an aerial map and an engineering plan;
 - b. 2005 ALP needs updating due to the runway improvements, would the community like to address any other issues? New ALP to Board of Supervisors in 6-9 months;
 - c. 10 acres were revegetated last Fall, too early to determine success;
 - d. ALP calls for added length and a taxiway (though no new aircraft would benefit);
 - e. Other opportunities:
 - i. Expand the turnaround at the N end to provide a holding apron;
 - ii. Add a weather station, near the existing hangars;
 - iii. Add apron lighting, in the tiedown area;
 - iv. Initiate a pavement maintenance program;
 - v. Install a self-serve fuel tank, 1,000gal, above ground;
 - vi. New hangars? FAA wants to see a waiting list;
 - f. DWP lease ends in two years – negotiate a new lease increasing the area to accommodate a taxiway;
 - g. Connett: restrooms? County pays for an outhouse. Taxiway needed, not lengthening;
 - h. Mandelbaum: expressed reservations about runway lengthening and taxiway;
 - i. Miller: expanded turnaround eliminates the need for a taxiway;

- j. Lizza: fix and use existing hangars before adding new ones
- 10. Weiche presented a handout Mono Basin Policies;
 - a. Most additions come from the RTP, Objective B, Action 1.7 is new;
 - b. Submit comments to Scott Burns and bring for discussion next month;
- 11. Members expressed that this item need not be listed on every agenda;
- 12. Informational Items (Weiche):
 - a. The Board of Supervisors approved the local Transient Rental overlays yesterday;
- 13. Public Comment: None;
- 14. Next Mtg: November 12, 2013, 6:30pm, LVCC;
- 15. Adjourned 9:13.

Submitted by interim Secretary Chris Lizza