

Redlands Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April, 18, 2024
City Council Chamber
City of Redlands

Board Members Present

Dennis Nodine, Board Member
Amber Harrison, Board Member
Jason Golembeski, Chair

Robert Pearce, Board Member
Val Dotchkov, Board Member
Thomas Cook, Vice Chair

1. 1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Gill Brown, Welcomed our two new board members. Mr. Brown went on to give some background of his business and connection to the airport and the community. Mr. Brown stressed the importance of knowledge about Coyote aviation to the AAB members.
- b. Bob O'Conner (Redlands Airport Association), Stressed the importance of airport growth. Mr. O'Conner voiced concern over the lack of human services at the airport after hours. He went on to mention that it's unacceptable to a transient pilot to walk to an unknown area at the west side of the airport to use the facilities. He asked that the AAB do something to change this.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. No Minutes to approve

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. New member introductions:
 - i. Amber Harrison: Commercially rated helicopter pilot, Lawyer for a drone delivery company.
 - ii. Val Dotchkov: Software professional with a Military aviation and air traffic control background.
- b. Staff Report - Aj Lawson:
 - i. Operations & Admin-
 1. New SBD approach- Currently in use, however it is proprietary and is not available to the public. Currently Amazon and UPS are using the proprietary approach. Mr. Lawson has communicated with Hughes Aviation, the author of the new approach, they are not willing to share any information about the approach and altitudes associated with it. Mr. Lawson highlighted the 500 ft difference in the approach plate (previously proposed) and the pattern alt at REI.
 - a. Ted Gablin- Commented that this approach is active and is not public. He went on to state that this poses a safety concern, especially without radar art this time. Also, mentioned an article about the subject in the Community forward matters publication.
 - b. Member Pearce mentioned the see and be seen method of deconfliction in this case is not adequate.
 - c. Mr. Lawson went on to mention that Community members are not reporting any issues to the FAA.
 - d. Member Harrison asked where we stand with Hughes at this

point, AJ responded that he is still in contact with them but does not expect any change in the offered information.

2. Redlands Valley high STEM program.
 - a. The airport will be involved in a STEM program this coming fall focused on aviation. If anyone would like to instruct or has questions, reach out to Mr.Lawson for more information.
3. Maintenance Update
 - a. Requested Items,
 - i. Painting of the beacon (east side of the airport)
 - ii. New roofing for city hangars
 - iii. Pavement improvements around the ramp area
 - b. Member Pearce asked why the budget has not been added to the agenda for this meeting. He continued to say that there is no point having an already approved budget reviewed by our board if. There would be no value to the city council.
4. New Data system
 - a. Mr.Lawson show the room a demo of new software tried at REI
 - b. The software details landings, takeoffs and fly-overs
 - c. It will be an agendized item on the next meeting update.
 - d. This system is subscription based according to usage. (\$2500 p/yr)
 - e. Currently this will only be available to staff.
5. Land Use
 - a. No update
6. Grants
 - a. FAA notified REI that no new project will be funded this year.
 - b. Only essential projects (like the Runway) are approved.
7. Airport Financials
 - a. An expenditure report was given to the members for review.
 - b. AAB members asked staff for a more in depth explanation on some line items. Staff is looking into the feasibility of this request.
- c. Next scheduled meeting location
 - i. A proposal was made by AAB members to hold the next scheduled meeting at the airport lobby
 - ii. Motion: Member Cook, moves that the next AAB meeting be held at the airport lobby.
 1. 2nd:Member Pearce
 - iii. All in favor.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on emergency preparedness at the airport
 - i. Members commented on the state of emergency preparedness at REI
 - ii. Mr. Lawson will reach out to the fire department about what current procedures are in place.
- b. Update on City council meeting.
 - i. Update was sent to the city council for review.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

- a. Discussion on emergency preparedness at Redlands Airport
- b. Discussion of non airport use at the airport. Update from staff.
- c. General update from staff regarding coyote aviation.

7. **Board member comments**

- a. Member Golembeski- Thanked the new board members for joining.
- b. Member Cook - Welcomed the new members
 - i. Also asked staff about the PAPI system.

8. **ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

- a. Adjournment - 7:58 PM
- b. Next Meeting -5/16/2024 6:00 PM (airport lobby)