
PLUMAS COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

Minutes - February 22, 2011

The Plumas County Airport Land Use Commission convenes in their regular meeting on February 22, 2011, at 2:02 p.m. in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room; Chair George Terhune presiding. Members appointed are as follows:

1. George Terhune, Chair;
2. Herb Bishop, Vice Chair;
3. William Weaver, Commissioner;
4. B.J. Pearson, Commissioner;
5. Alan Holloway, Commissioner;
6. Bill Mainland, Commissioner,
7. VACANCY, Commissioner.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: George Terhune, William Weaver, Herb Bishop, Bill Mainland, and B.J. Pearson

Absent: Alan Holloway

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Terhune calls for a motion to approve the agenda for February 22, 2011. Motion is made by Weaver, Pearson seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Terhune calls for a motion to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2010. Motion is made by Weaver. Bishop seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

Felts calls for a motion to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2010. Motion is made by Weaver. Pearson seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Pat Bishop, Plumas County Resident
Supervisor Jon Kennedy

Joe Wilson, Facility Services Director

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Terhune opens the Public Comment Period. Hearing none, Terhune closes the Public Comment Period.

VI. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Supervisor Kennedy asks how often the ALUC meets and Terhune explains that meetings are called at the discretion of the Chair.

The subject of the Board of Supervisors naming someone to fill the ALUC vacancy position is raised by Terhune and Weaver. Kennedy reports that it is "in the works."

VII. REPORT BY JOE WILSON – FACILITY SERVICES

Wilson states that since the last time he gave a report to the ALUC, the County has received several grants for airport improvement projects.

Pearson asks Wilson to explain the current status of the construction that was supposed to occur at the Beckwourth Airport for the Forest Service. Wilson reports that the last he heard, the plan was to break ground this spring. Wilson elaborates that they will begin with construction of the fire house. Wilson continues that the plan for a barracks has been dropped due to a lack of funding. Wilson adds that possibly in a second round for acquiring funding they will be able to provide for barracks.

Pearson mentions that he was under the impression that local contractors were not given an opportunity to bid on this project. Wilson explains that the Forest Service definition of "local" extended beyond our county borders and that the prime contractor they selected is from the Yuba City area. Wilson adds that the prime contractor will hire as many subcontractors as possible from our vicinity. Pearson continues that there are several local contractors, with their main offices in close proximity to the Beckwourth Airport, who were not given an opportunity to bid on this project. Wilson elaborates on how the Federal contract process is conducted.

Planning Director Wilson contributes that there have been no building permits issued for this project.

Pearson expresses that he is also baffled as to why a new water line along the Lake Davis Road to the Beckwourth Airport has not been considered over the stand-alone water system the Forest Service plans to install.

Wilson states he will look into these concerns further.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

Status of Projects – *No report*

IX. COMMISSION COMMENT PERIOD

A. Chair Report

Terhune briefly mentions the draft response letter he prepared in reply to the letter received from the Department of Transportation concerning the three sites for a new courthouse. (*More discussion takes place under Item X-B-2*)

Terhune reminds the Commissioners that the ALUC is only allowed one amendment to the ALUCP in a calendar year. Terhune continues that when the

State publishes the new Airport Land Use Planning Handbook, rather than use the one amendment for the year to adopt the handbook, the ALUC can simply make a reference in the Policies and Procedures. Pearson says he believes an amendment necessitated by any government agency law or policy change, would not qualify as the yearly ALUC amendment. Pearson continues that if a change is mandatory, it wouldn't be the same as the ALUC voluntarily meeting to change a policy. Terhune concludes that he mainly wants the Commissioners to be thinking about this matter in advance of the publication of a new handbook.

B. Commissioners' Comment - No Comments

C. Subcommittee Reports – No Report

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Old Business

Weaver states that he is still seeking an individual to fill the role of Proxy for ALUC, but he still has not found an interested party.

B. New Business

1. Election of Officers

Terhune opens the discussion regarding the election of the Plumas County ALUC officers.

Weaver nominates George Terhune for the position of the Chair. Pearson seconds the motion and the following roll call vote is recorded:

Weaver – Aye	Mainland – Aye
Bishop – Aye	Pearson – Aye
Terhune – Aye	Holloway – Absent

Weaver nominates Herb Bishop for the Vice Chair position. Pearson seconds the motion and the following roll call vote is recorded:

Weaver – Aye	Mainland – Aye
Bishop – Aye	Pearson – Aye
Terhune – Aye	Holloway – Absent

Terhune closes the discussion regarding the election of the Plumas County ALUC officers.

2. Sites for the New Plumas County Courthouse

Terhune directs attention to the letter he crafted in response to the letter received from the Department of Transportation regarding three possible sites for a new Plumas County Courthouse. Terhune rates the "Dame Shirley" and "Waters" sites as the least limiting, and the "Crescent Street" site as the most limiting based on the *Plumas County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan* for Gansner Airport. Terhune opens the floor for

discussion. Senior Planner, Jim Graham, passes out maps pertaining to the three sites. Terhune mentions he can add language to the letter dealing specifically with the Federal Air Regulation Part 77 transitional obstruction clearance surface. Wilson agrees that referencing the code would help frame the letter. Pearson makes a motion to approve the letter. Pearson amends his motion to include approving the letter with the Part 77 language added. Weaver seconds the amended motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

3. A Resolution for Establishing an ALUC for Plumas County

Randy Wilson explains that there is confusion whether the Plumas County ALUC that preceded the current ALUC was required to have a resolution by the Board of Supervisors to form; and in the event the former ALUC did not have a Board resolution to form, the question is now being asked whether one is required for the current ALUC. Wilson provides a sample in the event a Board resolution is deemed necessary at this point in time. Terhune suggests that the language makes it clear that the Board is affirming their *intention* when they formed the current ALUC. Wilson states he will rework his sample resolution and will keep the ALUC apprised on this matter.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Department of Transportation regarding Plumas County Courthouse sites – See Agenda Item X-B-2

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Unfinished Business

- Proxies

B. Other – None mentioned

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Terhune calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 22, 2011. Weaver makes the motion, Bishop seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded. The meeting adjourns at 3:04 p.m.

The next ALUC meeting will be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair.


George Terhune, Chair
Plumas County
Airport Land Use Commission


Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary