



# PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT AIRPORTS DIVISION

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## COUNTY AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes from the April 14, 2021 Special Meeting

Location: Virtually, via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m. by Russ Sardina, Chair

To comply with protective requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was virtual, using Zoom, and it was recorded.

Participating members: Russ Sardina, Sue Bell, Ricky Branaugh, Jason Brand, Chris Nelson, Gary Vorderbruggen

Absent members: Mike Worth

Participating staff: Sherrie Busby, Julianne Melchor, Jeremy Gutenberger

Guests: John McCormack, Dick Wampach, Rick Todd, Dave Lugert, Scott Herring, Dan McNeil

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Russ Sardina made a motion to adopt the agenda adding committee member comments and public comments; Ricky Branaugh seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Safety Message – Gary Vorderbruggen: Gary thanked the County for getting the light repaired.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Tie-down and lease rates and b) Marketing:

Sherrie Busby gave background as to how we got to current rates; Airport Committee proposed no increase, Board of Supervisors chose to try to get full cost recovery which resulted in an overall 25% increase. Sue Bell proposed that we charge the same rate for all Tie-downs of \$40 per month. Jason Brand recommended that the County roll back to the rates in 2016. Gary Vorderbruggen made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking to roll the rates back to what was charged in 2016 and ask the County to do an economic impact study on general aviation in the County and promote the Airports

(motion retracted). Russ Sardina suggested that the Committee recommends that the County consider rolling the rates back to what was charged in 2016.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Scott Herring – Believes El Dorado County rates are higher than most Airports he belongs to. Medical personnel use the Airport and it should be talked about more. When we have a fire, the Airport is a great staging area.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

Gary Vorderbruggen made a motion that the Committee recommends a roll back to rates charged prior to the 2016 increase. He would like a letter sent to the Board of Supervisors and Staff involved. The committee would like to show supporting information from the Benchmark Study that they believe shows that El Dorado County is on the high end of rates charged, staff has been reduced from 3 to 1, and the Board and staff have not set forth an economic development plan. Chris Nelson seconded the motion. Vote passed 6-0.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Russ Sardina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Gary Vorderbruggen seconded.