



Solano County

Board of Supervisors

Minute Order

April 03, 2012

File Reference No. 12-0228

RE: Receive a presentation on the Nut Tree Airport 2012 Master Plan; Conduct Public Hearing on the five Airport Master Plan alternatives; and Consider selecting the Preferred Alternative for the purpose of conducting an environmental review

Solano County Director of General Services Mike Lango noted that the 2012 Nut Tree Airport Master Plan was an update of the 1993 Nut Tree Airport Master Plan and provided the basis for facilities planning and development for the Airport and funding assistance by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for various airport improvement projects over the next 20 years. The Board was requested to conduct a public hearing and the select the Preferred Alternative for the 2012 Nut Tree Airport Master Plan which would authorize staff to perform the required environmental review before the Board considered final adoption of the Airport Master Plan in the Fall of 2012.

Solano County Airport Manager David Daly presented, to the Board, five alternatives that were identified and considered through a series of public workshops with community stakeholders including the City of Vacaville, business groups, and local residents. Mr. Daly provided an overview of statistical information on the Nut Tree Airport along with its estimated economic values. Mr. Daly reviewed the current layout of the Nut Tree Airport and noted that the Nut Tree Airport Master Plan evaluated the short and long-term aviation activity; long-term Capital Facilities Improvement Plan; identified aviation and non-aviation development areas; the basis required to receive FAA funding for capital improvements; and the basis for environmental review. Mr. Daly reviewed examples of airport capital improvements; forecasts through 2032; and runway alternatives. Mr. Daly provided an overview of a map of the Preferred Alternative of the 2012 Master Plan and noted that the Preferred Alternative would: 1) Plan for and accommodate current and long-term aviation demand; 2) Move runway thresholds 200 feet north to comply with FAA standards; 3) Preserve area for possible long-term extension of runway (600 feet) to total length of 5,300 (2030-2032); 4) Provide for aviation and non-aviation development of airport property; and 5) Provide for short and long-term capital facility improvements. Mr. Daly reviewed next steps which included an environmental analysis; Airport Advisory Committee reviewing the Airport Master Plan with the environmental analysis; community meetings; the Airport Land Use Commission will be required to make a consistency finding of the Master Plan; and the Board will be asked to consider the Airport Master Plan with the environmental analysis. In addition, the Board will be presented with an Airport Business Plan and

an Airport Design Guidelines for consideration.

Supervisor Reagan noted that it would be preferable to have a runway surface that was 98 feet in width as a safety measure and to accommodate cross winds.

Chair Seifert noted that the Nut Tree Airport was an Enterprise Fund and that the staff report indicated that General Fund dollars were being used to support the environmental report and other work.

Mr. Daly noted that in December, 2010, the Airport requested and received a loan from the County General Fund to the Airport for various projects including the completion of the Master Plan. Mr. Daly noted that the update of the Nut Tree Airport Master Plan was funded 95 percent through a grant from the FAA in the amount of \$350,000; however, the Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan would utilize \$17,246 for the environmental review which was part of the loan proceeds under the General Fund loan.

Chair Seifert opened the hearing to the public. As there was no one present who wished to speak on this matter, the public hearing was closed.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Board took the following action

On motion of Supervisor Reagan, seconded by Supervisor Spering, the Board acted to approve the Preferred Alternative of the 2012 Nut Tree Airport Master Plan with the addition of discussion to consider widening the runway surface to 98 feet and directed staff to prepare an environmental review for the selected Preferred Alternative. So ordered by unanimous vote.