- 1 The following is a condensed version of the TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS regular
- 2 meeting held Thursday, June 27, 2013 at the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Community Room, 10356 Truckee
- 3 Airport Road, Truckee, California at 8:00 am.

# 4 **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 8:04 a.m.

5	DIRECTORS PRESENT:	President Mary Hetherington
6		Vice President John B. Jones Jr.
7		Director J. Thomas Van Berkem
8		Director Lisa Wallace
9		Director James W. Morrison (Arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
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11	STAFF PRESENT:	Mr. Kevin Smith, General Manager
12		Mr. Kevin Bumen, Director of Aviation and Business Services
13		Mr. Phred Stoner, Director of Operations
14		Ms. Jane Dykstra, Director of Finance and Administration
15		Mr. Hardy Bullock, Environment and Technology Specialist
16		Ms. Maria Martinez, District Clerk
17		Mr. Brent Collinson, District Legal Counsel
18		Ms. Denae Granger, Administrative Clerk
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20	CLOSED SESSION	
21	At 8:04 a.m., the Board	l entered closed session pursuant to government code section:
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23	CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (C) OF GOVERNMENT CODE	
24	SECTION 54956	5.9: ONE POTENTIAL CASE
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26	PUBLIC COMMENT: None	
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28	At 8:52 a.m., the Board recessed out of closed session and reported the following action:	
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31	SECTION 54956	5.9: ONE POTENTIAL CASE
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33	• The Board cam	e out of closed session and reported that direction was given to Staff.
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35	At 9:01 a.m., the Board	I reconvened the regular Board meeting.
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37	VISITORS PRESENT: 22	
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39	AIR FAIR COMMITTEE	REPORT
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41	Mr. Tim LoDolce, Chairman of the AirFair Committee, introduced the Vice Chair, Mr. David Love. The AirFair is	
42	Saturday, July 6, 2013. Mr. LoDolce stated that the committee is tapping into the excess monies, but will remain	
43	under budget. He also addressed concerns about the recent Dayton Air Show tragedy. He stated that precautions	
44	have been taken, and the performers will be flying at a higher altitude. He passed out the insert brochures that	
45	will be in the Sierra Sun Friday, July 5. Mr. Love stated that an addition has been made to the AirFair. Sully	
46		d "Miracle on the Hudson" pilot, will be at the grand opening to the AirFair. There are over
47	300 people for the dinr	ner the night before, with the expectation of selling out of tickets.
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49 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## 50 SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

- 51 Mr. Smith stated that the Airport District sent 11 fifth grade classes in the school district to the Challenger
- 52 Academy in Sacramento to give the kids an introduction to aerospace. He has gotten many thank you cards from
- 53 the kids. Mr. Smith read one of the cards from the son of Mr. Rick Anzar, a District employee.

## 54 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 55 Ms. Kathy Echols, a former teacher, commented on the program stating how great it is that the District is funding
- 56 this program. Mr. Andrew Terry commented on the upcoming "hot spell" of weather. He said it would be useful
- 57 to observe how bad the density altitude can get.

## 58 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 59 Mr. Smith requested that the Award Summer 2013 Pavement Maintenance Contract be pulled from the Consent
- 60 Calendar. Vice President Jones agreed.

# 61 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- Minutes: May 23, 2013 Regular Meeting
- 63 Minutes: May 23, 2013 Special Meeting
- Minutes: June 5, 2013 Special Meeting
- Monthly Service Bills and Fees
  - Financial Report
- 67 Property Insurance Renewal Approval
- 68 ACAT Budget Adjustment Approval
- PI 113 Organizational, Hiring, and Pre-Employment Policies Update Approval
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- MOTION #1 JUNE-27-13: Vice President Jones moved to approve the items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of the Award Summer 2013 Pavement Maintenance Contract. Director Van Berkem seconded the motion. President Hetherington, Vice President Jones, and Directors Morrison, Van Berkem and Wallace voted in
- 74 favor of the motion. The motion passed.
  - Award Summer 2013 Pavement Maintenance Contract

Mr. Smith stated that on June 26, 2013 the District received another \$500,000 in FAA funding, in addition to the \$394,000 already received. He said that the FAA will fund about 90% of the Base Bid, with the alternatives in the plan. In using the \$500,000, the District's intention is to continue extending the ramp work, and remove the 1998-1999 aggregate that is currently in place. Vice President Jones requested clarification that before the most recent FAA funding, the ramp work was going to be from Hangar 2 down to the EAA building, and with the new funding, the ramp work will be going further. Mr. Smith confirmed this.

# 82 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #2 JUNE-27-13: Director Wallace moved to approve the Award Summer 2013 Pavement Maintenance
 Contract with the addition of the \$500,000 funding from the FAA. Director Morrison seconded the motion.
 President Hetherington, Vice President Jones, and Directors Morrison, Van Berkem and Wallace voted in favor of
 the motion. The motion passed.

## 87 SOS GLENSHIRE

Mr. Smith stated that SOS Glenshire came to the meeting to inform the Board on how the District might be 88 89 affected by the Canyon Springs development. Mr. Leigh Golden, Board President of SOS Glenshire gave the 90 presentation. He stated that his position as Board President is a non-profit position, in compliance with the 91 501(c)(3), and is an unpaid position. He presented an overview of the GPS approach to Runway 20 and how it 92 relates to the proposed Canyon Springs development project. He stated that currently, Runway 20 experiences 93 increased use during inclement weather, and the use will increase with the growth of the Martis Camp 94 development, creating a cumulative impact. Canyon Springs is a 284 acre parcel, and with the approval of the 95 proposed development, 200 residences will be created. This is important because with this approval comes the 96 opportunity for future development to the east which provides utilities to tie into, which would create hundreds 97 more residences. If this proposed development is approved, there is the potential for a significant increase in 98 noise complaints for the Truckee Airport. The land owners of Canyon Springs have indicated they are open to a 99 serious purchase offer, which would need an appraisal of the land. SOS Glenshire, along with other organizations, 100 have been working on pursuing an appraisal of this property, but there is no appraised value as of yet. There is 101 the possibility of SOS Glenshire approaching the Board in the future if funds are needed for an appraisal cost. Mr. 102 Golden gave a technical description of the approach to Runway 20. He also stated that the development of the 103 Canyon Springs property would open the door for larger development on the Teel/Raley property, which lies to 104 both the north and the east of the Canyon Springs property. In his opinion, the approach from the north, over 105 Canyon Springs, is a much safer approach than the GPS-A.

- Vice President Jones questioned what Staff's observation for the potential movement of the approach 10 degrees is. Mr. Smith stated that the 8400' Verdi Peak is part of the challenge of straightening the approach. Mr. Bumen stated that the approach is being re-charted by the FAA. There is no plan to move to the east right now, it will just
- be re-charted. Vice President Jones asked if there is a way to do a noise contour on that approach just to see how
- 110 close the noise comes to Canyon Springs. Mr. Bumen stated that the dynamic model has already been done, and
- 111 will be shown to the Board. Mr. Smith stated that there is relatively little flight track patterns over Canyon
- 112 Springs. Mr. Smith stated that Canyon Springs is outside of the Airport influence area, and there is not a
- 113 tremendous number of noise complaints from that area. Director Van Berkem asked if there is any concern from
- the Glenshire community. Mr. Golden confirmed this adding that if Canyon Springs is preserved as open space,
- property values will increase, the quality of life will improve, and the wildlife will thrive.

# 116 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Echols commented on the question posed by Director Van Berkem saying that there are more communities
 that are concerned about the Canyons Springs development than only the Glenshire community. The MAPF
 (Mountain Area Preservation Foundation) is also concerned that there will be more developable land in the

120 future.

# 121 LAND LEASING PRESENTATION

122 Mr. Bumen started the presentation stating that the land leasing committee has been working together for six

123 months exploring the four potential land leasing sites, as directed by the Board. Mr. Bumen has been working

- 124 with JMA and Clear Capital. The timeline looks for further direction in August. Staff's recommendation is to
- 125 consider the elimination of two of the sites, which are outlined in the Staff report.
- 126 Mr. David Tierman, Executive Vice President of JMA Ventures, gave the presentation. The team was introduced.
- 127 Mr. Gabe Nacht, CFO of Clear Capital, Mr. Art Chapman, Chairman of JMA Ventures, Mr. Chris Heinrich, JMA

128 Ventures, Mr. Bumen, and Mr. Bill Quesnel, District Engineer. The primary reason for moving is that Clear Capital 129 has outgrown the current location. They have several requirements for accommodating the growth of their 130 company. The four sites were described. Site One is the North Forty, Site Two is at the Southwest Corner of the 131 airfield, Site Three is on Soaring Way, and Site Four is on Airport Road. Mr. Tierman described the zoning overlook 132 of these sites. Site One is zoned as a business park, Site Two is zoned as commercial office use, Site Three is 133 currently zoned as industrial use, and Site Four, most recently added, is zoned as open space, with a small corner zoned as commercial office use. There were 15 primary criteria points against which to analyze all four of the 134 135 sites. These criteria include: site access, utilities, zoning, FAA overlay, potential for future aviation uses, and the 136 impact of airport related noise on site. The team scored each site on how feasible the area was for a Clear Capital 137 location.

- 138 Site One is approximately 20 acres. The key issues include: easements required, significant utility extensions, a 139 need for an access road up to approximately 2,000ft, and traffic related upgrades. This site is bounded by Tahoe 140 Truckee Sanitation Agency. Site Two is approximately 12 acres with the key issues including: utility extensions, 141 traffic related upgrades, zoning complexities, site geometry challenges, and FAA overlay for a future hangar zone. 142 Site Three is approximately 10 acres, with the key points being: ease of site access, utility access is good, positive 143 site geometry, and minor rezoning would be required. There could also be an alternate site boundary if an area 144 were deemed inappropriate. The rezoning would be to change from the current industrial use to some kind of 145 commercial or mixed use. Site Four is approximately 26 acres, with the key issues including: limited site access, 146 good utility access, the majority of this site is open space zoning, there are wetlands, and difficult site geometry
- 147 and topography. The site access would be off of Airport Road.
- Throughout this process, Mr. Gordon Shaw, of LSC Transportation Consultants performed a preliminary traffic analysis. For Sites One and Two, major intersection improvements would be required. There would be minimal impacts to Soaring Way and Airport Road for Site Three, as well as the intersection of Highway 267 and Soaring Way. The traffic impact at the intersection of Highway 267 and Airport Road has not yet been determined. For estimated impact fees, the high end would be approximately \$635,000 for traffic impact. Roundabouts cost approximately \$1,200,000-\$2,000,000.
- As far as utilities, Site One would be the most expensive to develop because all of the utilities would have to be extended to this site. Site Two is also expensive. Both Sites Three and Four would be relatively less expensive because of the proximity to major utilities on Airport Road.
- 157 The preliminary site conclusions were disclosed with Sites Four and One not being feasible, and Site Three being the most optimal, and recommended by the team. Site Two is feasible, however, not optimal due to the site 158 159 development costs and entitlement complexities. The land lease process would be governed by California Law. 160 The first priority would be to appraise the land. A fair market investment return would also be done, based on 161 market comps. Research found that the airport in Prescott, AZ had similar land lease options. They have 760 162 acres of land, and the land lease rates range from \$.09-\$.30/sf. Using these rates found at Prescott, and using Site 163 Three, the potential annual lease revenue would range from approximately \$45,000-\$150,000. Using the land 164 lease term of 40-50 years, that revenue could equate to approximately \$1,800,000-\$7,500,000. The total ground 165 lease revenue with the extensions would range from approximately \$3,200,000-\$12,000,000. The benefits 166 include economic benefits to the community, as Clear Capital currently has in excess of \$25,000,000 in payroll, which leads to local spending. There would also be increased property values, and the deal could provide an 167 168 additional revenue source for the Airport that could be used for aviation purposes or to purchase, enhance or 169 maintain open space. The preliminary business structure would show the Airport District as the land owner and

- lessor, JMA Ventures as the developer and landlord, and Clear Capital as the tenant with the option to purchasethe improvements.
- Mr. Nacht discussed the Clear Capital impact. Clear Capital has been in the Town of Truckee for 12 years, and that
  the goal is to be headquartered in Truckee, and developing on Site Three will allow their employee base to
  double.
- Mr. Tierman stated that the land lease process would be used to inform the Master Plan process. The conclusions the team came to were very high level based on the analysis of each site. For Site One, the conclusion is that there would be very limited use options because of the access issues related to utilities. Site Two is optimal for both aviation and mixed use. Site Three is optimal for mixed use, not solely industrial. Site Four is optimal for open space use, because of the wetlands and topography.
- In conclusion, both Sites Three and Two are the potential sites for Clear Capital Development. Site Two would require additional study to further understand the complexities associated with this Site. In terms of the potential timeline going forward, Board direction is anticipated at the August 22, 2013 Board meeting, which would then be followed by a Letter of Intent. Construction would run from approximately June 2014-October 2015 with Clear Capital occupying the land at the end of 2015.
- 185 Director Van Berkem questioned if the two recommended sites are big enough, and if the intent is to occupy all 186 acreage of the site. Mr. Tierman stated that the building would be approximately two acres, the building being 187 approximately 80,000 square feet, with parking taking up approximately four to five acres, with the remaining 188 acreage used for landscaping or other uses. As Site Two is 12 acres, and Site Three is ten acres, they are both 189 large enough to accommodate the development. Clear Capital would not require all acreage, which the Airport 190 would keep for additional development. Mr. Nacht stated that Site Three, with the alternate site boundary is 15 191 acres. The acreage needed would depend on the design of the building, with both parking and landscaping. He 192 does not foresee Clear Capital using all of the acreage, however, ideally, Clear Capital would want more than six 193 acres to make the structure and landscaping look presentable. President Hetherington questioned if Clear Capital 194 only used ten of the 15 available acres, and there are other opportunities for generating revenue, is there any 195 room left for a transit facility or for community use. Mr. Nacht stated that currently, Clear Capital only needs a 196 building of 60,000 square feet, with the potential of, in the future, needing 80,000 square feet total. Building the 197 entire 80,000 square foot building now would give the community 20,000 square feet of use until Clear Capital 198 needed to inhabit that area. He also stated that having this company located at the Airport would increase 199 property values.
- 200 Director Morrison guestioned how this deal would work between the District and Clear Capital. Mr. Nacht stated 201 that the purpose of this meeting was solely to inform the Board on the findings of these four sites, not to ask the 202 Board to make a decision. JMA Ventures would lease the land from the Airport to build the facility. Clear Capital 203 would have the option to purchase the improvements, which is the desired outcome in the future. Director 204 Morrison asked what kind of term the lease would be. Mr. Chapman answered stating that the delicate part of 205 development of land uses involves lenders. There is no land security, which would make this an unsubordinated 206 land lease, therefore, the lender does not have the right to foreclose the land. The term of public ground leases 207 was extended because the lenders want to make sure there is enough term on the lease so the loan is still viable. 208 He answered Director Morrison's question of what would happen once the lease was over, stating that the 209 District would own both the land and the building and there could be no renegotiation or extended lease. 210 Director Van Berkem questioned if the intent for JMA Ventures is to lease more acreage that would then be 211 subleased. Mr. Chapman stated that there has been no research on that. From an economic standpoint, the

212 Airport would still be bringing in revenue if the land was subleased. Director Van Berkem asked what control the 213 District would have over how JMA Ventures would use the remaining four acres if Clear Capital only used six 214 acres. Mr. Bumen stated that question can be defined in the lease, which can be very specific. The lease would 215 include other compliances that Clear Capital would have to adhere to. Director Van Berkem guestioned if, in the 216 future, the economic value increases on the acreage, the price per square foot would reflect that. Mr. Chapman 217 confirmed this, stating also that Clear Capital would pay the property tax as well. He stated that possessory tax is assessed the same way as property tax. Vice President Jones questioned the cost of the building being 218 219 approximately \$15,000,000. Mr. Nacht stated that it would probably be a bit more than that. President 220 Hetherington asked if there has been any talk about how many acreage a transit facility, or a library, or a 221 community center would need. Mr. Bumen stated that there has been a lot of talk about the acreage for those 222 facilities, but the team mostly looked at the four proposed sites and what would make the most sense for Clear 223 Capital. He wanted to recognize that what a transit center would need and a library are purely Master Plan topics 224 and not exactly land leasing topics. Vice President Jones stated that there is really 27 acres available for land leasing, not just the ten to 15 in Site Three. He also stated that if Clear Capital does not need ten acres, then they 225 226 should not lease ten acres. Mr. Chapman agreed saying they do not want to lease any more acreage than they 227 need. President Hetherington stated that if the non-feasible sites do not work for Clear Capital, they will not work 228 for anyone else. Mr. Nacht stated that Clear Capital is looking for a 60,000 square foot facility. The other sites 229 could work for a smaller business facility. There is a lot of potential for the District to build a smaller facility on 230 one of the other investigated sites. Mr. Chapman stated that the building footprint will be approximately two 231 acres, with four acres for parking. Clear Capital would then look to the District on how best to use the other 232 acreage for landscaping, or open space. Director Van Berkem would like to understand the barriers and 233 desirability for the smaller square to the right of Site Three, thinking that the smaller square would be more 234 valuable to the Airport than the alternate square to the left. Vice President Jones questioned if Clear Capital 235 needs all ten acres. Mr. Chapman stated that the intent in this meeting is to narrow the sites down to two, and 236 then to further study those two and the issues along with those. Vice President Jones asked how the appraisal 237 process would work. Mr. Chapman answered that the District would choose their own appraiser with instructions 238 on how the District would want the land to be appraised. Vice President Jones asked when this process would 239 start and how long it would take. Mr. Bumen stated that the idea would be to start post-August, once the Board 240 has given direction. At this time, it is too soon to start looking at an appraisal, as the Prescott example is relevant 241 and a point of reference. Mr. Bumen pointed out that while most of Site Three has public access, Site Two has 242 some of that access as well. Vice President Jones pointed out that the District has other land available not 243 included in this evaluation for a transit center or a library. Mr. Tony Tezla, of Mead & Hunt, answered whether 244 the current runway designation is relevant to L row, stating that the aviation use will not happen near L row. Moving the runway to the east would make that land less developable for both aviation and non-aviation use. He 245 246 stated that both Sites Two and Three have high aviation use as well. President Hetherington stated that in looking 247 at the alternatives assessed, lengthening Runway 2-20 would affect the wetlands. Director Morrison questioned 248 what could be done with the area in front of Site Three. Mr. Tezla stated that the transit facility would be a good 249 use for that area.

Director Wallace stated that with the traffic impact analysis, there could potentially be other traffic needs and demands in the area. There would be a set of costs incurred for the District, JMA Ventures, as well as Clear Capital for the traffic improvements that need to be understood. She questioned what the current revenue is from the income on property tax. Mr. Smith stated a little over \$4,000,000. Director Morrison questioned if there could be a more accurate idea of a range of land lease rates in August. Mr. Chapman stated there should be no speculation in terms of getting broker's opinions of values. Typically, an appraisal would be done, and then make the standards, rather than speculating. Director Morrison stated that it would be helpful to look at the

- 257 greater area of the Airport with the potential for land leasing, and the revenue potential. Vice President Jones
- 258 pointed out that if the District passes up this opportunity, there will not be many others. Director Van Berkem is
- 259 interested in finding out what kind of options Clear Capital has outside of the Airport. Director Morrison
- 260 questioned the cost of an appraisal. Mr. Chapman stated that the key would be in the instructions given to the
- appraiser to identify precisely what is wanted. Mr. Bumen stated that the Letter of Intent is very important.
- 262 President Hetherington questioned if there was a preliminary layout envisioned for Clear Capital. Mr. Bumen
- 263 proposed that the team work with Mead & Hunt to develop a scenario and look at the boundaries, footprints and
- parking at the two recommended sites. The Board would like to remove Sites One and Four, and continue the
- research on Sites Two and Three in terms of the financial data, and land leasing data.

# 266 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 267 Mr. Terry pointed out that there would be a 50-100 year outlook, and he suggested that any land improvement
- 268 cost, with the long prospect, be amortized, effectively lowering the price. He also stated that campus
- 269 development suggests that the lease would dictate the entire use of a piece of land, so that the entire parcel is
- 270 dedicated to that campus. Site Two looks to be a more attractive site for the community, due to the connectivity,
- and closeness to the Town of Truckee. The potential income of this project is not significant, given the current
- 272 revenue sources. Mr. Terry does not believe the additional revenue is important, but rather the value in retaining
- 273 Clear Capital, and he suggests the District continue to proceed in the analysis of the two recommended sites.
- BREAK: At 11:35 a.m. the Board recessed for a short break. At 11:47 a.m. President Hetherington reconvened
  the meeting.

# 276 AIRPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY TEAM

- 277 Mr. Bullock started the presentation with the summary of ACAT's June meeting, and the approval of the 278 FY2013/2014 budget. In May, ACAT asked for an increase in overall budget, which was approved for the current 279 year, but not for FY2014. During the Officer Selection, Mr. Jack Ellis was elected as the Chair for six months. Mr. 280 Gerald Herrick remains Vice-Chair and Mr. Leeds Davis remains Treasurer. ACAT is also looking into possibly 281 changing the by-laws in the Officer Selection to reflect recent changes. The annual planning meeting identifies 282 what projects will be taking place within the year, and community outreach, among other items. Mr. Bullock's 283 concern is that the Staff time and District resources are not clearly defined. As far as community outreach, ACAT 284 will be attending several Truckee Thursdays. Director Van Berkem asked if, during the joint meeting, a concern of ACAT's is that Staff's time is spread too thin, and is linked to not having a special planning meeting. Mr. Bullock 285 286 confirmed this concern, stating that he would like to have ACAT on the rolling agenda. ACAT will discuss their 287 options and ideas during their July meeting. Mr. Smith stated that a good time for this would be during the 288 budget process as ACAT is setting their budget for the upcoming year.
- 289 Mr. Bumen is primarily involved in the RNAV departure, one of the two major projects currently underway. Mr. 290 Bullock stated that the Commercial Operator Outreach project has merged with the RNAV departure. Mr. Bumen 291 stated that he has met with three commercial operators, who all appreciate the agreement of participation which 292 would limit their hours of operation at night in exchange for access to a special departure that would suit their 293 needs. Mr. Bumen is hopeful that two of the three operators will sign the agreement within the next week. Mr. 294 Smith added that this program is really unique, and the Airport is one of the first airports to do this outreach with 295 commercial operators. Mr. Bullock stated that the airfield safety signs are completed and being displayed. Vice 296 President Jones stated that the recent accident here was because of wind shear, and questioned if the Airport 297 Board should be proactively doing something more to make the pilots aware of the problems with Runway 20 and 298 the high winds. Director Morrison suggested possibly having a mountain flying program particularly for Runway

- 299 20 for incoming pilots. Vice President Jones questioned if the enhanced UNICOM would allow Staff to make 300 comments to pilots to make them aware of the wind shear or downdraft. Mr. Smith confirmed this. Mr. Bumen 301 stated the Airport does this now, but would qualify that because the UNICOM operators have a varied amount of 302 experience, and the challenge would be standardizing operating procedures and criteria, adding that there are a 303 lot of other tasks being required of the UNICOM individual, which would add to the challenge. Director Morrison 304 stated that the District needs to spend more time on safety to avoid more accidents. Mr. Smith stated that Staff is 305 working on improvements for that. Director Van Berkem questioned the legal implications if Staff suggests a 306 route, or direction to a pilot. Mr. Collinson stated that it would be something the District would have to work on. 307 If Staff suggests "do this, and the pilot does that", and there is a problem, there is a potential liability, but if the 308 Staff shapes the discussion as, "here are the concerns, other people approach it this way", the liability could be 309 minimized. Mr. Smith does not see a lot of liability issues on giving advice, as the final decision is up to the pilot. 310 Mr. Bullock stated that the Noise Abatement Procedure tri-folds with information on safety and flying procedures, 311 were dispensed with, but ACAT is considering bringing them back, as they are a good reference document. Mr. Bullock would like to have several information kiosks in the Administration building, beginning in two phases. 312 313 Phase one would be a paper update for pilots, and phase two would be an electronic version with a touch screen
- 314 where pilots can work through a departure procedure, or arrival.

## 315 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 316 Mr. Terry stated that the tri-folds have been talked about quite a bit, and they are available, and should be
- 317 distributed. He also said he underestimated the conflict ACAT generated for Mr. Bullock, and complimented him
- 318 on his management as well as the work he does for ACAT. Mr. Terry stated that it is healthy to have a new
- direction by the Chair members. Having Mr. Ellis as Chair also puts a pilot in an officer position.

## 320 ENGINEER'S REPORT

321 Mr. Smith stated that the FAA funding was previously talked about in this current Board meeting. There are no 322 other updates at this time.

## 323 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## 324 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

325 Mr. Smith questioned how the migratory bird act is affected, in relation to the tree removal in those areas.

326 Director Wallace stated that she is not certain how the bird act is affected, however, the common practice is to

- not disturb the nesting birds. Mr. Stoner stated that the birds are nesting on the ground, not in the trees.
- 328 Director Wallace said that the argument would be that the tree removal would be causing stress in the
- 329 environment. Staff will discuss this further.

## 330 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

## 331 MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

332 Mr. Tezla, of Mead & Hunt, gave the presentation. He is reporting back from the Board workshop on June 5,

2013. The primary topics of discussion are runway alternatives, aviation forecasts, and project direction.

334 President Hetherington would like Mr. Tezla to share his insight on the land leasing with Clear Capital. Mr. Tezla

335 stated that the obligations on the Airport property, when it was purchased will have some terms and conditions

which may affect the lease terms that will need to be worked out, but he thinks it is worth finding out the

assurances that would be applied to the lease terms. The FAA would also need to review the leasing arrangement

that would be worked out between the District and Clear Capital. He stated that he will be attending a meeting inJuly with Staff and JMA Ventures to discuss the land use options.

340 Mr. Tezla stated that all three of the runway alternatives were intended to either increase height above ground 341 for aircraft, shift aircraft away from residential communities, or balance operations between the two runways. 342 Annovance mitigation is the primary point for the runway alternatives. Director Van Berkem would like to include 343 in the analysis of whether Northstar would see increased noise levels if the runway was moved. President 344 Hetherington would like to see an alternative where the runway would add 1300' to the east side, and remove 345 1300' on the west side, removing the displaced threshold. Director Morrison stated that the primary concern is 346 that the current Board can make the decision to add a displaced threshold, and in the future, another Board can 347 move the thresholds back. Mr. Bumen asked if there could be any technical limitation with the traffic patterns 348 being right up against the hills, and if it would be feasible. Mr. Tezla stated that the feasibility would be looked at 349 from the airspace side if any of the alternatives can be done, purely how long and how much. There could be 350 technical issues that would stop the threshold being moved back. Director Van Berkem would like to know what 351 type of aircraft will need the 300' extension on the runway. Mr. Smith stated that it is not only the weight, but 352 the width of Taxiway A that would determine the type of aircraft that runway could accommodate. Mr. Bumen 353 said that the weight restrictions on the runway are the next biggest factors after the length. Mr. Tezla questioned 354 what additional criteria the District wants Mead & Hunt to assess besides length and cost. Director Van Berkem 355 stated that the District should specifically focus on limiting the noise impact instead of the size of aircraft that 356 could be accommodated. Mr. Tezla stated that he is using the Airport reference code B-II. Upgrading the code to 357 B-I would allow a BBJ, which would need a much bigger safety zone at the end of the runway, effectively losing approximately 1000' of runway. The higher up in design classification, the shorter the usable runway would 358 359 become.

Alternative one is to extend and shift Runway 28 east. The threshold would be displaced the same amount as the runway extension, giving the effect of improving the noise annoyance in the area in both departures and arrivals. Mr. Bumen stated that Mr. Tezla should give people some context in the noise mitigation numbers. Mr. Tezla estimated that the cost of adding the 1,322' extension to the runway will be \$6,100,000 in construction costs. The runway length would increase to 7,222' which includes the displaced threshold. The negative impacts of this alternative would be larger aircraft using the runway, and more utilization of the runway because of the length. This alternative is the lowest cost alternative of all three.

The second alternative is to widen and extend Runway 2-20 south. The cost of this alternative is estimated at \$6,900,000. There would be an extension of 755', which would increase the runway length to 5,405' total. The FAA is now prohibiting public roads inside a Runway Protection Zone (RPZ). This would be an issue for this alternative as the RPZ goes over Highway 267. A substitute option for this alternative would be to widen Runway 2-20 without extending it. The cost would be lower, and fewer aircraft would be inclined to switch over as opposed to if it was only longer. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Bullock has done some outreach on the length versus the width of the runway, and he has found that the length is much more important.

The third alternative is to develop a whole new runway, with the estimated cost of \$27,400,000. The runway length would be 6,310'. There would be mitigation costs as well because there is a five acre wetland. Alternative three is being taken off the table, due to the cost and the distance, but will still be captured in the Master Plan. There are now four alternatives that Mr. Tezla will be looking into. These include: extend and shift Runway 28 east, adding 1300' to the east side and removing 1300' on the west side, widen and extend Runway 2-20 south, and widen Runway 2-20 only. Vice President Jones stated that if the lengthening of Runway 2-20 requires the crossing or relocating of Highway 267, then that alternative should be reconsidered, due to it not being practical 381 and feasible. He questioned if lengthening Runway 2-20 could be removed from the alternatives due to 382 impracticality. President Hetherington asked if there was any amount in length Mr. Tezla could add to the runway without crossing Highway 267. Mr. Bumen suggested that more analysis be done on widening the runway as it is 383 384 important to both the arrival and departure of aircraft. Mr. Tezla stated that even if the runway were to stay the 385 length it is now, the FAA could come and force the Airport to shorten the runway due to the RPZ crossing Highway 386 267. He does not think the runway could be lengthened any further. Mr. Smith suggested leaving the threshold in place giving the aircraft more takeoff distance, effectively leaving the RPZ as is, but still lengthening the runway. 387 388 The pavement would only be extended for departures. Mr. Tezla does not think this is an option because there is 389 both a departure and an arrival RPZ. Mr. Tezla stated that he is going to do some research on how to make 390 Runway 2-20 longer on the departure side, to make the runway 5000'. Director Van Berkem guestioned if there is 391 any extra footage that could be added on the north side. Mr. Stoner said there is less than ten feet.

392 Mr. Tezla stated that there was discussion on hangars and whether or not to build more executive hangars at the 393 Board workshop. Mr. Tezla feels that the demand for hangar space for jets and businesses will increase at a faster 394 rate than at a peer airport, and secondly, the declining number of small aircraft could reverse itself and start 395 climbing again. There is a positive outlook on the lighter general aviation side. Vice President Jones questioned 396 the survey done on the executive hangar waitlist and what the input or feedback is. Mr. Bumen stated the data 397 was just finalized, and there was a 50% response rate, and people are interested in the hangars. He said that 398 without hangar space, the long term occupancy of the larger aircraft here is not viable, as those aircraft will be 399 based somewhere else and use this airport in a more transient fashion. Vice President Jones stated that he thinks 400 an aircraft that is based here will be producing less traffic. President Hetherington stated that there is a linear 401 correlation between based aircraft and more operations. She said that more hangars means more based aircraft. 402 We may see more locally owned aircraft, but do we want to build hangars and accommodate the home-based 403 aircraft if it will increase operations.

President Hetherington said that as she was absent for the Board workshop, she would like to discuss some of what was talked about then. Mr. Tezla stated that even though the amount of operations will be increasing by 2025, the character of the Airport will still be what it is today. President Hetherington stated that while the increase in the amount of operations does not seem large, most of these operations are during the summer months, making the increased operations much larger. Director Morrison stated that the increased operations will not change what the Master Plan is trying to do.

BREAK: At 1:48 p.m. the Board recessed for the dedication of Katie's Playground and ribbon cutting. At 2:41
p.m., President Hetherington reconvened the meeting.

412 Mr. Tezla continued with the Master Plan presentation with the direction summary from the Board workshop. He 413 is looking at improving the approach to Runway 20. The current approach is approximately a mile and a half, and 414 pilots would like the approach to be at one mile. Mr. Tezla stated that at one mile, the runway will not require 415 approach lights, and will not change the design of the RPZ. Mr. Bumen stated that there is some information on 416 the pending FAA draft of the runway approach about the minimums in the altitude decreasing, the visibility 417 remaining the same, and the alignment also remaining on the same heading. Mr. Tezla stated that he will identify 418 places where instruments and antennas can go for improved communications and surveillance. President 419 Hetherington questioned if this will have an effect on night operations. Mr. Tezla stated that there might be an 420 issue if the approach is not authorized at night, it would affect the night operations. Mr. Tezla will document in 421 the Master Plan that the Board does not want scheduled air service, but was brought to the public. If in the 422 future, the Board would like to introduce scheduled air service, there will be a reserved aviation growth space in 423 the Master Plan for this topic.

424 Having the decision for no control tower documented in the Master Plan leaves room for this option in the future. 425 The primary benefit would be for safety, to help change the dispersion of one runway versus the other. In the 426 future, there may be the ability to have a remote tower. The problems with having a control tower, besides the 427 cost, would be the development restrictions, which would include how tall buildings could be built, how tall the 428 tower would have to be, where the tower would be located, etc. President Hetherington stated that the positive 429 aspects of a control tower include runway dispersion, surveillance, and the temporary use during the summer. 430 The negative aspect would be where the control tower would lead to in the future. She stated that she is 431 ambivalent and would like to be convinced one way or another. Vice President Jones stated that the dominant 432 position of the pilot community is that there be no control tower at this Airport. President Hetherington said that 433 the broader input of the community is that safety is the primary concern, and a control tower can help with that. 434 She suggested that if the District can buy both safety and dispersion and the aspects of people breaking 435 minimums, it might be worth it. Vice President Jones stated that a control tower has no control over whether or 436 not people break minimums. Mr. Bumen stated that there needs to be a discussion about what a control tower is 437 and what it is not for both the community and the Master Plan document. A control tower means different things 438 to people. Mr. Tezla stated that there will be something in the Master Plan stating what is being taken out, the 439 reason behind it, and the analysis done. President Hetherington questioned how a control tower would affect the 440 runway safety area. Mr. Tezla stated that if there were to be a control tower, a location would have to be 441 identified, as well as the equipment and restriction lines. Vice President Jones questioned if not having a 442 placeholder does not preclude a tower in the future. Mr. Tezla confirmed this, suggesting also that the there be a 443 smaller Master Plan done every five to ten years. If there were to be scheduled air service, most likely, there 444 would also need to be a control tower. Director Van Berkem questioned how a control tower fits in with 445 enhanced operations. Mr. Bumen answered that on the continuum of methods to influence airspace, the 446 community appreciates the efforts to influence the utilization of the airspace, which is what a control tower does. 447 The enhanced UNICOM also does this in an advisory capacity, and may offer unique capabilities that a tower could 448 not. Mr. Smith stated that there is a cost issue with the control tower. Mr. Bumen stated that with the current 449 market and the congressional pressure on contract towers, that creates a competitive pricing in that marketplace. 450 The Board would like Mr. Tezla to come back with the constraints for a control tower. Vice President Jones 451 questioned if the majority of the Board does not want a tower, if it could be taken off the Master Plan, but to 452 document why. Mr. Smith stated that there could be something in the Master Plan that shows where the control 453 tower would go, and the areas to be concerned about.

# 454 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

455 MOTION #3 JUNE-27-13: Vice President Jones moved to have Mr. Tezla leave the control tower off of the Master 456 Plan, so long as it is captured in the text. Director Van Berkem seconded the motion, adding that the Board 457 encourages Staff to further explore enhanced UNICOM. Vice President Jones, Directors Morrison, Van Berkem 458 and Wallace voted in favor of the motion. President Hetherington voted against the motion and would like the 459 control tower vetted. The motion passed.

Mr. Tezla stated that there are taxiways that do not meet the current standards, and need to be improved. Mr. Tezla said that it is clear there is not much support for fencing. Mr. Tezla is going to work with Staff to identify hangar locations, uses and cost for a multi-use hangar. The executive hangar waitlist survey will affect the decision of how many hangars to build. Mr. Smith mentioned that in less than two weeks, the draft Godbe survey will be available. The District will build and rent their own hangars as opposed to leasing land and having a third party construct hangars. Vice President Jones stated that the District would like to control everything on the Airport that is aviation related. President Hetherington questioned the building of business space in the hangars. 467 Mr. Smith clarified that the space would be only for the hangar tenants, adding that an office would be built for 468 the tenant only. Director Van Berkem asked the general question if building more executive hangars is going to 469 increase traffic. Mr. Tezla is going to explore the use or redevelopment of T-hangars. Mr. Tezla stated that the 470 only problem with the redevelopment of T-hangars would be if they would be needed in the future.

471 Mr. Tezla is going to work with Staff on how to enhance emergency support. For aviation reserve space, there is 472 plenty of Airport land, and Mr. Tezla would research where to reserve adequate space to accommodate any 473 potential future aviation uses and growth. The design standards and approach procedures will be upgraded and 474 used to make sure there is adequate space reserved. Emergency reserve space will be necessary. Vice President 475 Jones stated that in the survey response, there was a lot of support for enhancing the airport with the natural 476 growth of the town. President Hetherington stated that in the survey, the overwhelming response was to have 477 less jet noise. Vice President Jones stated that there was a lot of support for the Airport to accommodate natural 478 growth consistent with aviation demand. He said the District should take into account the community that is 479 paying for this Airport. Director Van Berkem said that the term "natural growth of the community" needs to be 480 defined and further studied. Mr. Tezla stated that growth is defined by Truckee Tahoe District's aviation 481 community, which is largely a function of population, income, commercial space, etc. If the area becomes 482 wealthier, more people will use airplanes. Mr. Tezla will come up with limitations and constraints on the use of 483 commercial space in the Airport. President Hetherington stated that while the District may not use the land as 484 commercial space, Mr. Tezla's findings will be documented in the Master Plan. Mr. Tezla stated that there can be 485 commercial use on the Airport land, but the District will have to manage the growth, which does not have to be 486 stated in the Master Plan, but can be done by policy. President Hetherington questioned if there are any downsides to putting something in the text that stated where there could be buildings on the Airport, if the 487 488 District chose to do so. Vice President Jones stated that there is no reason to have commercial use on the Airport, 489 because there would be no control over it. Mr. Smith stated that if the District is concerned about natural growth 490 and how the community thinks about growth, there is a document from the Town of Truckee stating that the 491 community thinks the Airport should "continue to operate as a general aviation airport with facilities appropriate 492 to serve future planned growth in the region and anticipated changes in the field of general aviation". Mr. Tezla 493 stated that a reason for having aviation reserve space, is to show the FAA that there is a plan to reserve and accommodate growth. Director Morrison stated that the general sentiment is that the community will continue 494 495 to grow, and the majority wants the Airport to grow a little with the community. The District should not do 496 anything to encourage growth, but should not limit natural growth either.

497 Mr. Tezla stated that the decision in the Board workshop for the other land that is not used by aviation space will
498 be documented that this space will only be used for non-commercial space.

499 President Hetherington stated that night operations is a concern for the community, and could become a larger 500 issue in the future. Mr. Tezla stated that night operations affects the Plan, also mentioning that one night 501 operation counts as ten daytime operations. President Hetherington stated that a single event at midnight and a 502 single event at five in the morning is an issue for the people that live under those flight tracks. She said that with 503 technology and the way it is evolving, night operations are going to become a bigger issue of the Airport in the 504 future. Director Morrison believes that the Airport does not have a problem with night operations, as there are 505 not that many in the present time. Mr. Smith stated that the discussion will be documented in the Master Plan. 506 The incentive route has been very successful with the hangar tenants. Mr. Tezla stated that the Unmanned Aerial 507 Vehicles (UAVs) are the next generation in surveillance and will be addressed in the Master Plan.

## 508 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

#### 509 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

510 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## 511 ADJOURN

- 512 **MOTION #4 JUNE-27-13:** Director Van Berkem moved to adjourn. Vice President Jones seconded the motion.
- President Hetherington, Vice President Jones, Directors Morrison, Van Berkem and Wallace voted in favor of themotion. The motion passed.
- 515 At 4:11 p.m. the June 27, 2013 regular meeting of the Truckee Tahoe Airport Board of Directors adjourned.