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**UNAPPROVED MINTUES**  
**TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
May 19, 2025

PRESENT: Steve Grierfer, District 4 Supervisor; Mark Banks, Jeremy Zawodny, Joe Sobczak, Jim Stenger

COUNTY STAFF: Blossom Scott-Heim, Director of Public Works; Tonya Scheftner, Airport Manager; Emma Hawks, Assistant to the Department Head

ABSENT: Jaron Brandon, District 5 Supervisor

### CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Grierfer called the May 19, 2025, to order at 10:06 a.m.

### PUBLIC FORUM:

The public may speak on any item, not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes total.

Tonya Scheftner, Airport Manager announced that fly-in season officially started and so far, there were no complaints. She also reminded the committee about the Father's Day Fly-In on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Joe Sobczak questioned county staff about allocating personal property tax to the enterprise fund. Blossom Scott-Heim, Director of Public Works explained that today's meeting will provide a lengthy conversation and that this item will be added to a later agenda for discussion.

With no further comments Supervisor Grierfer closed the public forum.

### DICUSSION/ITEMS:

- A.) Proposed airport fee increases options and support waiving the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 3.40.010(T) of the Tuolumne County Ordinance Code related to increasing airport fees.

Ms. Scheftner began her presentation by explaining that the Airport Feasibility and Viability Study started prior to her employment at both Columbia and Pine Mountain Lake Airports. She went on to explain their five-year plan for maintenance and Capital projects at both Airports. Ms. Scheftner then gave a brief overview of the three options provided for the committee and asked for comments.

Jim Stenger expressed concerns about receiving enough time to fully review all the information and wished they committee would have received it sooner.

Supervisor Grier clarified that the goal is to get a recommendation from the committee and then present it to the Board of Supervisors for their recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding fees and comparable hangars in surrounding counties.

The committee ask Ms. Scheftner to provide more information at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding construction of new hangars and that fee increases might create revenue to build new hangars and repair existing.

Ms. Scott-Heim explained that this study did not reflect the waiting list, or hangar needs, they strictly looked at market value. She continued by saying the Board of Supervisors accepted this study after a presentation from the consultant, and now as staff our orders are to implement new fees using option 1, 2, or 3.

Discussion ensued.

A member of the public voiced concerned about the fee changes being fair for all tenants.

Round table discussion continued.

The decision was made to give the committee time to review and continue the conversation at the next meeting. The committee did not agree on any of the options.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Grier adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.