UASREP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Tech Accelerator-Training Room

PRESENT: T. Heitkamp, H. Wamstad, D. Harsell, C. Evans (for J. Jenkins), E. Plummer, M. Nelson, S. Lovas, B. Huschle,

Others Present: Chris Theisen and Trevor Woods (Northern Plains UAS Test Site), Brandi Jewett (SkyScopes),


T. Heitkamp called the meeting to order at 8:20a.m. Discussed that A. Fraizer and K. Porter are both on leave for the semester. B. Jewett discussed that she has left the Grand Forks Herald and is now working for SkyScopes working on a blog.

1. Minutes. B. Huschle motion to approve the minutes from the 8/31/2016 meeting. G. Mullendore seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

2. Applications for Review.
   a. Unmanned Aircraft Systems Detection at Airports-T, Woods discussed that the application is to work with airports that have had problems with UASs. This would be to counter UAS technology. The FAA has come to the test site for research assessment in the Denver area. Will be using three different sensing systems, will see which ones are detected. No video will be captured. G. Mullendore stated she had questions because on the application not all the details were disclosed. T. Woods stated the FAA didn’t want the details disclosed until it was okd. Said he is able to today since they were given the ok. D. Harsell motion to approve. S. Lovas seconded the motion. Approved.

   C. Theisen stated there will be more projects that won’t be able to fully discuss in the future as well. Discussed how meeting currently are under open records. Discussed maybe having executive session in future.

3. Subcommittee Update. T. Heitkamp stated that the subcommittee has met and T. Heitkamp will be working with M. Bowles to put together information for the committee.

4. Update on Test Site. C. Theisen stated that Nick Flom is the new director of the test site. C. Theisen stated he attended the NASA UTM conference in New York. Discussed other conferences that are coming up if anyone is interested in attending. Also discussed that there have been more flights with the Xcel project. Also stated since part 107 opened up there have been more research projects with third party vendors.

5. Elbit/Hillsboro. S. Lovas stated that Elbit is still active in Hillsboro. T. Woods stated that they will be winterizing the airframe and be storing at the airport. Will fly again in the spring and summer. T. Heitkamp discussed the article about the drone that was used in Hillsboro and was reported in Grand Forks Hearld as invading privacy. T. Woods said he has been contacted by reporter
about the incident in Hillsboro. T. Heitkamp said she has been talking with University Public Affairs about this committee.

6. Other. C. Theisen said that UND signed a contract with Air Map about air traffic. Are working to help create a privacy policy about UAS use on campus. T. Heitkamp stated that the policy will need to be in the code for student life.

E. Plummer discussed Award in Excellence in Aviation and this year there was an award for UAS. Grand Forks received the award this year. Discussed how well received the work with law enforcement and this committee is viewed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Next Meeting-February 22 at 8:15-10:15 a.m.-Tech Accelerator -Training Room