

MINUTES
COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT MEETING
Oct.19, 2021

PRESIDING: Chair Jim Wilcox

BOARD PRESENT: Tim McGlothlin (Zoom), Dave Griffith, Jake Anderson, Terry Trapp

BOARD ABSENT: Norm Deo, Tim Urness

STAFF PRESENT: Airport Manager Jeff Renard, FBO Manager Darren Lacock
Johnathan Kara, Chuck Covert

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Wilcox at 7:02 am.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Airport Manager, Urness and Deo absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Darren Lacock reported that fuel sales were \$14K ahead of last year. We are currently 7,900 gallons away from breaking the record. The general aviation traffic has increased and fuel prices are starting to climb. currently \$5.25/Avgas, \$5.15/jet fuel.

ACTION ITEMS – NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

Budget/Check Report-Nothing to report

A. Commercial Operator Agreement: According to local research, Jeff Renard states that 1 million coverage is the industry standard of coverage while 2 million might be excessive for certain individuals. Jonathan Kara stated that the airport should require the higher coverage if possible based on the risk perspective. A risk expert can be consulted but there is nothing wrong with different providers having different coverage. Jake Anderson suggested that traveling mechanics should have 1 mil coverage as the 2 mil would be excessive for them. Wilcox suggested that everyone should have 1 mil minimum coverage based on their activity. Kara offered to research the coverage and Wilcox stated that Renard should follow advice from Kara. All were in agreement.

B. Flight School: 10 year lease on building, they have plans for more investment with airport. Wilcox suggests that if they don't take the FBO, airport will need a space for maintenance. Also suggests they have their attorney draw up something that will benefit both us and them.

C. Life Flight: The alarm for the Fire Suppression Monitoring System at the Life Flight building was going off and Joe from Life Flight wanted to know how the airport was going to fix it. Renard said it currently costs \$720/yr and will require a \$655 upgrade. Is the airport responsible for that? Covert explained that the airport owns the building and they are leasing it. When he was manager, he stated that he believes the airport paid the cost but possibly increased their rent by \$100/mo to offset the cost. He also stated that it's imperative for that building to have an alarm because people are sleeping there.

D. New Approach Idea: Mark Bauman with TLS had an idea for a new landing approach that will possibly be funded by the FAA with a grant which will allow for fixed wing landings. Military is fully supportive of the idea.

E. Tank: Mascot Fuel coming to prepare it to be plumbed.

F. Purchase of Hood River tank: Hood River airport is currently purchasing a new tank. The existing tank to be removed will be \$10k and Columbia Gorge Regional Airport is first in line for the purchase. Wilcox posed the question of cost for relining it and the location of it at KDLS.

MANAGEMENT REPORT –

NEXT MEETING

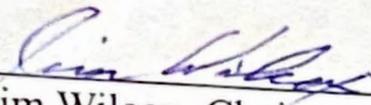
(Wilcox proposed all meetings to continue on the 3rd Tuesday of each month due to the construction on the bridge.)

The next meeting will be November 16, 2021 at 7:00 am.

ADJOURMENTS

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 am.

SIGNED:



Jim Wilcox, Chair



Jeff Renard, Airport Manager