

MINUTES
COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT MEETING
April 21, 2023

PRESIDING: Chair Jim Wilcox

BOARD PRESENT: Jim Wilcox, Tim McGlothlin, Lori Zoller, Terry Trapp,
Tim Urness, Norm Deo, Randy Anderson

BOARD ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Airport Manager Jeff Renard, FBO Manager Darren Lacock
City Manager Mathew Klebes (zoom), City Attorney Jonathon
Kara (zoom), Tracy May

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Wilcox at 7:30 am.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Jim Wilcox.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent.(with correction of 2 names)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Motion to approve by Randy Anderson and seconded by Lori Zoller

The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Dan Spatz gave a brief update regarding SP482 which would allow CGCC to conduct training in Washington. Senator Bonham and Representative Helfrich have been a big help.

Dallesport Water District Chair informed us that Scott Dixon has been recognized as the National Drinking Water representative. This is a huge accomplishment and he will be recognized at the May 9th community meeting at 4:30 pm.

Adrian Bradford gave comments about advancements with the Insitu drone platform and possible future business opportunities. Adrian also stated that the FAA does not have a Certified Admin.

Mark Johnson made a reference to the benefit of the control tower at Pendleton airport and the traffic control associated with the drone operations there.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS—

Jim Wilcox reported that he as well as others had sent letters of support for HB 482

Terry Trapp reported that he had filed a formal complaint with the FAA in regards to the multiple complaints and violations by a local drone operator “Drone Hands” the continued operations in the flight path of the airport and the buzzing of tugboats has caused this escalation.

FBO Report: Darren Lacock March was another month of above average sales

ACTION ITEMS—

Shearer 5 year lease Renewal

Tim Urness made a motion to approve the lease and terms as written for the Shearer Building Lease. Randy Anderson Seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Randy Anderson made a motion to recommend for approval the airside property ground lease template. (With a couple of clarifications in section 13....) as described. Terry Trapp seconded the motion. *The vote was passed unanimously by the board members present.*

Norm Deo requested a status update on the water district well issue and Chair Jim Wilcox advised that the attorney is still working with the Colorado attorney on the final details prior to a submission to the FAA. Norm requested a copy of the well log and questioned if the well was still viable and had water in it, as well as how many gallons had been pumped out of it. Commissioner Zoller recommended staff contact K.C. Natural Resources for the static water level test records.

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

Budget/Check Report- Thank you again to Randy Anderson who volunteered to assist with the airport’s “Profit and Loss” statement and has created a report for the board that is easier to read.

MANAGEMENT REPORT –

Jeff Renard reported the airport has had a busy year so far with over 5,000 flight operations logged year to date.

WAMA Conference coming in May in Spokane

Tracy May with Precision Approach Engineering was introduced and He and Jeff Renard gave an update and summary of the success and progress of the projects and grants that we have in place.

OEM/FEMA Fuel Island Decom. The airport is #73 of 175

South Apron FAA Grant has been put on the street for bid and we have had our pre bid meeting and the bids are to be opened on the 27th of April. 3 contractors were present for the pre bid meeting.

2023 Fire Land Use Agreements are now in place.

Airport to provide infrastructure of transformers to the site. Developer to continue.

Water line design 30ish days with engineering, City and County public works may be able to perform excavation work.

Chuck Covert questioned Tracy May as to the status of the ALP and if the business park is included in it. (Yes it is called out in the ALP)

Tim Urness asked about the runway extension opportunities and the clarification of 500+ operations of the specific aircraft needing that length would predicate the funds.

Randy Anderson asked if BIL funds could be used for hangar development. The answer is yes with a few caveats.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:30 am.

ADJOURNMENTS

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.

SIGNED:



Jim Wilcox, Chair



Jeff Renard, Airport Manager