

MINUTES

COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT MEETING

January 16, 2025

PRESIDING: Chair Jim Wilcox

BOARD PRESENT: Jim Wilcox, James Smith, Tim Urness, Randy Anderson, Lori Zoller
Terry Trapp, Tim McGlothlin

STAFF PRESENT: Airport Manager Jeff Renard, Matthew Klebes

PUBLIC PRESENT: See attached Sign-In sheet.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Chair Jim Wilcox.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As an addition to the agenda, Randy Anderson moved to approve the Airport Board as unchanged, and Tim McGlothlin seconded the motion. The addition was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as corrected with the attendance of Terry Trapp being in person and not on Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

SPONSOR/PARTNERS REPORT

Lori Zoller gave an update on the grant requests for the capital projects.

Jacob Anderson presented a detailed update regarding the hangar project, including the received bids and three proposed alternatives. The County selected the first alternative, which incorporates a 60-foot door. Jacob Anderson and Jeff Renard are currently collaborating with legal counsel on the lease agreement and will submit the draft to the Klickitat County Prosecuting Attorney for review. Mr. Anderson also provided an update on the KCPeda and the waterline project.

FBO REPORT

Fuel usage in December was 300 gallons below the average, a reduction attributed to weather conditions. January fuel usage is near average. An increase in jet traffic over the next one to two weeks is anticipated. Darren Lacock noted that 2025 was the second-best year in terms of volume since he has been employed at the airport. A discussion followed Jim Wilcox's inquiry concerning atmospheric water vapor and its impact on the airport and the local community.

ACTION ITEMS

(None.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Report/Check Register: Randy Anderson and Matthew Klebes will be scheduled to meet soon to discuss the budget. Matthew reported that the audit is currently in progress.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

(See attached report.)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Tim McGlothlin mentioned an article in the Ruralite about Jeff Renard and his impact at the airport.

Jacob mentioned that ½ the property taxes on the airport will need to be paid and the cost will increase as buildings are constructed. Discussion ensued regarding the co-ownership of the airport and the need for a legislative change.

Jeff noted that Dirt Huggers was interested in purchasing clean dirt from the airport.

The rotating beacon may need to be upgraded to an LED.

David Griffith inquired about the opportunity for funding using the fuel tax.

NEXT MEETING

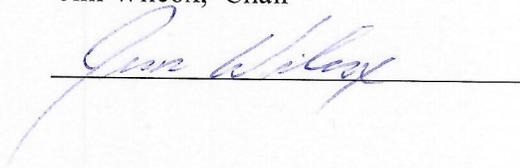
The next meeting will be February 20, 2025 at 7:30 am.

ADJOURNMENTS

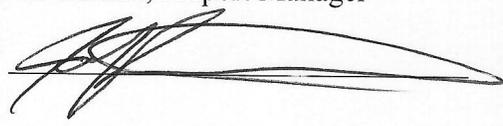
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 am.

SIGNED:

Jim Wilcox, Chair



Jeff Renard, Airport Manager



ADJOURNMENTS

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

SIGNED:

Jeff Rowland, District Manager

Jim Wilson, Chair

