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MINUTES COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT MEETING

May 15, 2020 Meeting held via Zoom

PRESIDING:

President Jim Wilcox

BOARD PRESENT:

Norm Deo, Dave Griffith, Tim Urness, Terry Trapp, Dave Sauter,

Tim McGlothlin

BOARD ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Airport Manager Aryn Rasmussen

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 am.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Airport Manager, all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No corrections to agenda, approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections to minutes, approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

No board member reports.

ACTION ITEMS - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Aryn briefed that the airport was authorized \$30,000 through the FAA to assist in airport operations. Dave S. asked if there was a need to identify the proposed use of the funds before applying for them. Aryn stated that she originally thought so, but after conversation with Precision Approach Engineering the airport does not need to identify use before applying. Norm asked if we can apply for the funds now and have further discussion at the next board meeting. Tim M. agreed with Norm. Aryn will submit for funds from FAA.

CGCC Training Hangar and Utilities Expansion – Jim, Tim M. and Aryn reported that they were part of conversations about the project during the last week. Aryn briefed the that the college, airport and Klickitat County met with a grant writer to discuss the EDA application. The grant writer was very optimistic about the proposal and provided feedback for the division of responsibilities moving forward. Jim talked about the expediated timeline due to an increase in EDA funding and the need for coordination between the City and County. Jim asked Chuck Covert and Dave Rasmussen to provide recommendation to the County for the hangar design. Dave S. agreed with the project and said it made sense to scale the expansion of the utilities and/or the size of the facility in order to ensure getting a hangar developed remains a priority. Jim and Tim M. commented that the outreach team accomplished securing support of all 6 state representatives and senators.

DWD Well/Water Rights Transfer – Tim U. asked about an update on the DWD finding with the FAA. Aryn said that she is scheduling a call with the FAA project manager and Precision Approach in order to determine next steps forward. At this time, the FAA does not deem that the transfer of water rights in exchange for the potential to develop the rest of the business park to be in accordance with the airport's grant assurances.

Budget/Check Register – Dave S. asked about the unexpended federal funds. Aryn responded that the funds are for the FAA North Apron Rehabilitation project and since construction has not started, there have been no drawdowns.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Aryn updated the board that construction for the containment area for the fuel tanks has begun and that the apron project is slated to begin construction at the end of June. Tim M. asked if there had been any feedback from Approved Storage, Aryn stated that she spoke with Jeff Renard and he is considering his options.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 19, 2020 at 7:00 am.

ADJOURMENTS

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 am.

SIGNED:

Jim Wilcox, Chair

Aryn Rasmussen, Airport Manager