

MINUTES

COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT MEETING

February 20, 2026

PRESIDING: Chair Jim Wilcox

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

BOARD ABSCENT: Tim McGlothlin, Tim Urness

STAFF PRESENT: Airport Manager Jeff Renard, City Attorney Jonathan Kara (Zoom), EDO Jacob Anderson

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

The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Covert reported that a group from MacNab scheduled to depart last week from CGRA was unable to fly due to fog, which was presumed to be caused by steam emissions from the Google facility. The flight diversion to Portland resulted in a loss of fuel sales and traffic for the CGRA FBO, as well as significant inconvenience for the travelers. Chuck expressed his concerns regarding this dilemma and the continued need for gathering documentation.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Jim Wilcox and Jeff Renard had a meeting with a potential developer. As they shared ideas, Jeff pointed him to the development standards and shared with him the avenues to propose ideas within public meetings and written submissions.

Jim reported on a conversation with Jonathan Kara concerning several issues, including the ongoing well lawsuit. Progress is being made regarding the lawsuit, though the resolution process is proceeding slowly.

Lori Zoller met with Jeff Renard to clarify several ambiguous points. They also established a list of tasks for which Jeff requires assistance. Furthermore, Ms. Zoller discovered pertinent information regarding the airport's tax matter, alongside potential solutions for the RV situation that could generate additional revenue for the airport.

Randy Anderson is working on the budget and trying to understand the City's new software.

SPONSOR/PARTNERS REPORT

Jacob Anderson's new city intern will be tasked with developing a business parking plan for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Business Park. Mr. Anderson has also been collaborating with Jeff Renard regarding the potential impacts of the Google steam cloud on airport operations; the resulting report is currently undergoing internal review and will be submitted to the Board upon completion.

FBO REPORT

Fuel consumption for January concluded approximately 2,000 gallons above the average, and the peak "Jet season" is commencing. The FBO was unable to service three separate military flights in February due to fog, which is presumed to be caused by steam clouds from the nearby Google facility. Darren Lacock will coordinate the dates of these missed flights with Jake Anderson to consolidate the data.

ACTION ITEMS

Terry Trapp moved to adopt the as-proposed Utility Connection and Reimbursement Policy for the airport. James Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff and Kim Renard left the meeting room at 8:01 while the board discussed the approval of the Airport Management Contract Extension.

Randy Anderson moved to recommend the adoption of the one year contract extension of the airport management. Terry Trapp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff and Kim return to the room at 8:11.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Report/Check Register: Randy Anderson and Jeff Renard have met regarding the accounting of leases and how they currently appear on the register and reports.

The time for the Airport Board meetings will continue as is. (7:30 AM Every 3rd Friday of the month)

Jim Wilcox issued a reminder regarding the ongoing resolution of the Property Tax issue.

Jeff Renard received an update from Jeff Hunter of the CGCC, confirming that the EDA had issued the notice to proceed. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled, and all parties expressed optimism regarding the progress of the college building construction.

COAR Grant for SRE Building

MANAGEMENT REPORT

(See attached report.)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

A public member mentioned CGCC will be producing 24 AMT mechanics with no jobs available to them in the Gorge and with limited jobs available with Hood Aero. Jim Wilcox comments on the benefits of living wage jobs and marketable skills coming out of community college.

NEXT MEETING


The next meeting will be March 20, 2026 at 7:30 am.

ADJOURNMENTS

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 am.

SIGNED:

Jim Wilcox, Chair



Jeff Renard, Airport Manager

