

MINUTES
COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT MEETING
July 21, 2023

PRESIDING: Chair Jim Wilcox

BOARD PRESENT: Jim Wilcox, Tim McGlothlin, Terry Trapp, Lori Zoller

BOARD ABSENT: Tim Urness, Norm Deo, Randy Anderson

STAFF PRESENT: Airport Manager Jeff Renard, FBO Manager Darren Lacock,
City Attorney Jonathon Kara (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Wilcox at 7:32 am.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by 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

A question was raised regarding the replacement of the water main. Jeff Renard explained that they were currently waiting on Tenneson Engineering.

Chuck Covert gifted a vintage photo of the airport to CGRA.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Jim reported that on July 11th, a Congressional tour took place at the airport and explained in detail the happenings and conversations surrounding the visit.

Dan Spatz was recognized as part of the Economic Development for the city of The Dalles and is gaining support for the airport.

David Griffith suggested that there needs to be an upgrade to the airport's Master Plan. Jim made a request to Jeff to scan the Plan and email it out to the board members and Dan.

Dan requested a Sponsorship Report and suggested the formation of a committee.

FBO Report: Darren Lacock reported that July started off with a bang due to the fires. The average fuel sales for July are 24,900 gallons and that number was recently met in 2.5 days. They are on pace to break the record which is 40,439 gallons. Kevin Cole and his crew are continuing their work on upgrading the facility and replacing rotted wood around the building.

ACTION ITEMS – NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

Budget/Check Report- NONE

MANAGEMENT REPORT –

Jeff reported that the congressional Outreach Team visit was fantastic and that he was mustering support from the FAA to get the grants needed.

The letter to the FAA has been sent in regards to the water, they are still awaiting their response.

There has been renewed interest in the airport pasture ground for future large developments; they are waiting on formal proposals and details from 2 different parties.

Jeff reports the Klickitat County public works crews are fantastic as they have been mowing the grounds and the ditches.

Jeff also reports that Angie Wilson and the City Finance staff are fantastic as they have helped to find solutions to taking payments from clientele.

11,000+ flight operations logged year to date.

Jeff gave a brief update on the status of the grants.

OEM/FEMA Waiting for next steps.

South Apron Design Gant is ready to close out, waiting on FAA review. It needs to be approved by the 26th of this month.

2023 Fire Land Use Agreements are being used and tracked.

Multiple helicopters and fixed wing fire suppression aircraft have been using our facility.

DNR has full staff and 3-5 helicopters on site.

OR Dept of Forestry and the Fire Boss aircraft have had a great start to the season in them being able to fly 3 out of the first 4 days of the contract.

Airport Management is planning for the out of office time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Aug. 18, 2023 at 7:30 am.

ADJOURNMENTS

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am.

SIGNED:



Jim Wilcox, Chair



Jeff Renard, Airport Manager