

MINUTES

COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT MEETING

July 17, 2026

PRESIDING: Jim Wilcox

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

BOARD ABSENT: Terry Trapp

STAFF PRESENT: Airport Manager Jeff Renard, EDO Jacob Anderson, City Manager Matthew Klebes

PUBLIC PRESENT: See attached Sign-In sheet.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

SPONSOR/PARTNERS REPORT

Lori Zoller gave an update on the college hangar project and reported that everything is going well and is on schedule for a December occupancy.

Jake Anderson reported on some of his perspectives of the Master Plan Update.

FBO REPORT

Darren Lacock reported that June concluded on an average note, but July has experienced a high volume of lightning strikes leading to multiple regional fires. He anticipates that Fireboss traffic at the airport will increase as a result. Furthermore, air traffic has been increasingly busy, and he remains hopeful that fuel prices will decrease.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Report: According to Randy Anderson, the financial statements are currently incomplete but are scheduled for completion prior to the upcoming audit.

A new committee, comprising Tim Urness, James Smith, and Terry Trapp, was appointed by Jim Wilcox to review the following matters: (1) the extension of the condo lease for Hangar A, and (2) requests regarding non-aviation use for the Plane Cave. Jake Anderson was requested to serve as the administrator and convenor for this committee, with the expectation that two action items will be prepared for next month's meeting.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

(See attached report.)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

A public attendee posed a question regarding news on a data center.

Jeff mentioned the balloon company (a DOD funded operation) submitted a certificate of authorization to continue their operations at the airport.

Regarding the budget and potential construction of an equipment storage building, Chuck Covert raised an inquiry. Jeff confirmed the necessity of the facility and shared his plan to move forward with the project.

In response to an inquiry from Chuck regarding the activity and status of the fuel tank, Jeff shared that cleaning and recommissioning are currently under way, with the expectation that it will be online soon.

The waterline grant is open for the mainline and Jeff would like to put that out to bid.

NEXT MEETING

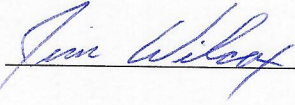
The next meeting will be August 21, 2026 at 7:30 am.

ADJOURNMENTS

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 am.

SIGNED:

Jim Wilcox, Chair



Mark A. Jubitz Asst. Airport Manager

Jeff Renard, Airport Manager

