

Minutes - Airport Advisory Committee  
PORT OF HOOD RIVER

September 21, 1976 - 7:30 p.m.  
Port Conference Room

Present: Chairman Sterling Hanel, members LeRoy Smith, Arne Udelius, Ted Ekker, and Jay Lawhon from the Advisory Committee. From the Port were James O'Banion, John A. Weber and Dallas Dusenbery, and Port Attorney Alan Bell.

Absent: Advisory Committee members Chuck Smith and Charles Deach.

Minutes of the July 6, 1976 meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tie-Down Fees. Jim O'Banion reported that the tie down fees were moving along at a good rate. All the spots have been taken and tie down fees are being collected. Some are on monthly, but mostly on an annual or semi-annual basis. On transient aircraft it was pointed out that there are too many transient aircraft for the original spots selected so they have moved the transient area down on to the turf section east of the administration building in the area of the large hangar there. Next, the question was raised as to how the seal coating was holding up on the paved tie down area and Jim O'Banion reported that it was holding up good, the rocks were holding good, and except for some discoloration where Mr. Wagner was parking his sprayers it is in real good shape, and the discoloration is not hurting anything other than the color. Ted Ekker brought up that some way or other under the lease to the Fixed Base Operator, Bob Meyer, the taxiway to the large hangar had been closed off so that it was an uphill run to get to the hangar in any other manner, and it was hard on the props and hard on the airplanes parked there from the prop blast of the dirt, sand, etc., that was blown. Since it is quite a problem to get there in any other manner, Jim O'Banion said he would see what he could do about having the previous taxiway opened up again.

Title to Airport and Transfer of Air Easement Funds. Jim O'Banion reported that this had been done, they do have clear title now and they have \$10,000.00 transferred from the County's General Fund to be applied to the easement settlements.

U. S. Forest Service. Discussion of a proposed 10 year lease. Jim O'Banion pointed out that there had been a good relationship this year and the Forest Service personnel have more or less been down by themselves and haven't been running back and forth and causing any problems with dust or that sort of thing and it had all worked out pretty well. Dale Alter, the Helitack Supervisor, asked the Port Commission to give the Forest Service figures on buildings, etc., and to present to them a plan for a 10 year lease on their present site. This probably would include two buildings with a total area of approximately 3,000 sq. ft. Jim O'Banion reported that their request had been fulfilled.

Master Plan Update. John Weber reported that most of the ground work was done and they are waiting on Federal approval, which they expect to come by the first of the year, assuming they could get the avigation easements on the way. The avigation easements do not have to be necessarily complete, but the FAA does want good show of intent. The FAA pointed out that they had had so much run around previously on these easements that they were emphatic in wanting something concrete that would show some progress. There also was a title report ordered for the FAA and it is expected that the way for the master plan would hopefully be cleared by the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Technical Advisory Committee for Master Plan. John Weber reported that actually this is not so much a technical advisory committee as it is a citizens advisory committee for having people on there from all segments of the community. In other words, if there are any major groups against the development of the airport that they would know about it from some of these people. The FAA is concerned about public opinion and wants as much input as they can get to know about what groups would be on the committee and Jim O'Banion said they would be members from the City, the County, Planning Commissions, and although they had not contacted these people as yet they were considering to be on the committee such people as Chuck Smith, Sterling Hanel, Clarice Knoll, Jeanie Moser, and Mary Jane Kelly.

Additional Transient Tie-Down Spots. Jim O'Banion pointed out that in the area east of the hangar there were a total of 11 spots now and room for about four more. At this same time we discussed the fact that last spring they were going to blade off

the southwest corner down west of Wagner's and possibly they could use that for some more tie down areas, but the weather was so wet that they couldn't get in there with machinery. Now that it is drier, they will get in and see if they can smooth that off and possibly make a useful tiedown area out of that part of the airport.

Signs for Airport. Jim O'Banion reported that they had signs made pointing out the transient area, the Fixed Base Operator and restricted area signs for keeping cars and unnecessary pedestrians off the tie down and runway area.

Discussion, Airport Advisory Committee. John Weber pointed out that some members do not seem to be attending these meetings so the inquiry is if they are interested, and if they are not interested perhaps they should appoint some new members. One possible new member for example might be Don Hull, or Ron Maurer has expressed interest and also Glenn Taylor and Dick Sohler. It was pointed out that this is not to push anyone off the committee but is just trying to determine the matter of interest. Anyone not attending meetings, if they are not interested, perhaps they should be replaced with new members.

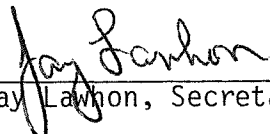
Discussion, Proposed New Hangar. This new hangar is to be built out between the administration building and the present shop building, or just to the east of the ad building. John Weber brought up that the Stevenson's from across the river, Gorge Leasing Company, wanted to build a hangar for their own airplanes and there was discussion about whether it should be done or not before the master plan was completed. Jim O'Banion pointed out that the lease or building arrangement would provide that if the building did not fit the master plan the Port would have the option to purchase the building from the Stevenson's and they then would be given another site to rebuild, wherever the master plan called for. It was pointed out that it would be an expensive proposition for the Port Commission, since it is to be a 45 x 90 foot building.

Finally, there was a fairly lively discussion on what the Port Commission could or could not require or restrict a person from doing on the airport, as a public facility, and in the way of aircraft instruction, or having someone come in from out of town to work on an individual aircraft, this type of thing. Some of the members wondered if those types of restrictions might be possibly too strong or maybe even illegal. The Airport Manager will get an answer from the State Aeronautical Division and FAA.

It was determined that the next meeting will be on the third Tuesday of November, which is November 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Port Conference Room, unless a special meeting would come up, in which case the committee would be called.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jay Lawton, Secretary