



AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2016

1. Airport Advisory Committee Present – Dayle Harris, Jeremy Young, Brian Prange, Scott Gifford, Judy Newman, Anne Medenbach, Fred Duckwall, Gennaro Avolio, John Benton and Fred Kowell
2. Approved Minutes from March 17, 2016 meeting, Dale Harris 1st and John Benton 2nd. Approved by everyone.
3. Anne Medenbach went over the transfer of the FBO to TacAero from Classic Wings. Jeremy Young mentioned that everything will transfer June 1st, with telephones being answeredHood River Airport and the signage changed to Ken Jernstedt Airport. Website should be operational in 2 weeks. TacAero will continue maintenance and aircraft out of the yellow hangar with Cub Crafter training being accomplished at WAAAM.
4. Fencing on the south side residential area and alongside Copper Dam Road was discussed. Anne Medenbach discussed an incident whereby children got access onto the runway environment from the residential housing along south side of the runway. Temporary fencing was put up but later was mowed down by someone in the area. The Port will be putting up permanent fencing along the south side of the runway environment that will provide security to the runway environment but will adhere to FAA specifications. Fred Kowell will check to see if the FAA will allow this expenditure to be part of the local match related to the south taxiway improvements. Open discussion about securing the south end of Copper Dam road to keep unauthorized vehicles from using it. John Benton discussed that he had some fencing and posts the Port can use to secure the south end of Copper Dam Road. Anne Medenbach will look into this some more.
5. Anne Medenbach discussed the wetland mitigation and some impact to the north ramp. Discussion opened up about the trees adjacent to the AWOS and how they are now at a height that impacts the airflow onto the parts of the runway environment. The Port will look into how to address the impact the trees have and whether any mitigation effort can be accomplished in the same vicinity.
6. Glider operations at the east end of runway 25 was discussed with some explaining that the original location which is east of the FBO was a good location since it did not impede traffic as much and the time to push back the gliders into

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their off taxiway area. However, others pointed that most of the glider takeoffs occur off of runway 25 and the location requested by the new glider operator might be a good fit since the amount of time to push back the gliders to the new area southeast of runway 25 will not take that much more time. Parking and transfers between automobiles to glider can be accommodated adjacent to the area outside of the current gate. Port staff will go back to the new glider operator to see if the original location might be sufficient for the short term.

7. Maintenance of the airport and how it looks hasn't been better. Everyone wanted the Port to know that the maintenance effort is going well. Some education of airport safety procedures will improve the airport environment and bring the level of operations to another level. All vehicles should have their overhead lights on when entering the airport environment. Sprinklers are still going on during the day. Port staff will look into this. AAC members requested that the black sewer pipe be removed that is located and lying northwest of runway 7.
8. Judy Newman gave us an update of the construction that is going on at WAAAM and the additional permitting issues related to ground water runoff. All construction should be completed by the fly-in (September 9-11).
9. Jeremy Young asked that the AAC nominate a new President since he will now be running TacAero and the FBO. Port staff will reach out to some individuals on the committee. AAC all agreed that the Port should advertise for new members to the AAC. Port staff will do so.
10. Meeting adjourned 420pm. Next meeting at WAAAM, August 25th 5pm.