



AGENDA & Minutes

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 23, 2019

At WAAAM – 3:00pm

1. Airport Project updates

The Port has two active grant projects going currently. One is the Connect 6 project funded by ODOT and the other is the North Ramp rehabilitation project funded by the FAA. The ODOT project is close to bidding and 95% through design. The FAA project has just begun design.

a. EA and wetland permits

- i. The 4th wetland permit submission was submitted on April 25th to DSL and USACE. DSL has until May 25th to get comments to the Port. If accepted as complete then the application goes for 30 days of public comment, then technical review, then permits in hand. Once public comment is over, then the Port is confident that the permits are approved and would just wait for the final document to be in hand.
- ii. The Army Corps has not given final approval of the permit. That approval was preliminary and now USACE is conducting further review. They have no stated or required timeline and could take as long as 12 months from today to issue. Staff and consultants are working through alternative plans for proceeding with both the COVI and the FAA projects for both best- and worst-case scenarios.
- iii. This has been an 18-month process. Has included 3 Federal agencies and 2 state agency process as well as Federal legislator involvement. It has taken a considerable amount of Port Staff time and effort and will continue to do so.

b. Connect 6

- i. Proposed Bidding Schedule- The Port will likely be bidding the first week of June with a Contract award the first week of July.
- ii. Construction Tasks- Grading, utilities- Paving will occur in 2020 with the FAA project.
- iii. Construction Schedule- Construction will start in July with a completion goal of prior to the Fly in.

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- iv. Proposed Work Areas and Impacts (see attached)
- c. FAA projects
 - i. North ramp rehabilitation project is in design right now. Century West engineering is the engineer on the project. The project will go out to bid in Spring of 2020 with construction starting Summer of 2020. The paving for the COVI project will likely go out to bid at the same time and will likely have the same contractor completing the work for both.
2. FBO update- Jeff Reynard
The FBO is busy with training at both The Dalles and Hood River. Students from all over the world are attending trainings. The Dalles has successfully installed a grass strip and is starting to use it.
3. WAAAM Update
WAAAM is busy as well. The Great Race is coming through on June 28th between 1-3:30. They are preparing for a busy summer.
4. Glider Update
Glider club has 50 members, 13 of which are youth. They are open most Sat/Sundays. Their motto is "To be Safe aviators and good neighbors".
5. Additional items
 - a. Noise. The Port has received an increase in noise complaints as the warm weather has started. This was to be expected. The Port has requested 3 years of training school activity data from Tac Aero and hopes to share that at the AAC meeting.
 - b. Summer maintenance. Port staff has started mowing and has completed weed spray tasks. Bear with us as we get the irrigation running properly. Our staff has been trained to keep sprinklers off the runway grass during operational times and is trying to strictly adhere to that. If you see an issue, please call Anne. Thanks.
 - c. Dirt contractor- the Dirt contract completed the work on May 8th except for the grass seeding. That seeding was completed yesterday, May 22nd.
 - d. Paving- there are numerous paving projects that need to be completed at the airport. There is approximately \$200,000 on the budget for paving and other maintenance items. Paving on both T hangar ramps is needed as well as Air Museum Drive, which is a Port owned road. Staff will be working up a priority plan for the paving for this summer.
 - e. Leases- The Port continues to work with each asset to move them towards self-sufficiency. The airport is currently operating on a negative operating budget annually, not including capital. As the airport gets busier, the Port Commission will be making decisions regarding cost recovery. Staff will be working on land and building lease structures, development options and other ideas for bringing the airport into revenue neutral or a positive cash flowing operation.

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- f. It was requested that an Fly friendly announcement be put on the AWOS.