

4S2 Airport Advisory Committee
16 Feb 2023
4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Port Conference Room

MINUTES

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by Dave Koebel. Dave introduced the new Executive Director of the Port of Hood River, Kevin Greenwood.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH

- Matt made a motion to approve the Previous month's meeting minutes with no edits or additions. Bud seconded.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- No additions or modifications were requested to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Agenda was approved with no additions or modifications.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- None

ITEMS DISCUSSED

- New Fuel Tank: Excavation has begun for 3 phase power. Currently, the contractors are hopping between projects. PP&L and Spectrum will be installing an appropriate transformer for the fuel pump and meter. Mascot will be cleaning the tank and setting up the QT Pod terminal.
- AWOS: Proposed area for AWOS relocation is due East of the C Block hangar. Trees in the proposed area propose an issue with the required clear area. Additionally, there is discussion that the only clear area for relocation may not be on Port property.
- North Apron: RFPI update. Hood Aero is to submit drawings outlining potential interest in development.
- Port Facilities Update: John Mann was on hand to answer questions related to Port facility inquiries. The facilities department is working on reducing their time to respond to maintenance requests. Safety related requests will be the first to be addressed. The Port is trying to get an accurate budget to see how facilities can continue to provide services. The suggestion was made to conduct a brainstorming exercise to determine where cost cuts can be made. The number one cost for facilities with regard to the airport is mowing services.
- WAAAM: Warmer weather is leading to the request for more airplane rides.
- Glider Club: No update provided.
- Public Comment: PAE was given specific plans for the South Apron. Dave was wondering if there has been any interest in South Apron development. So far, the costs have not been identified for South Apron development.

Tor asked for an update on the potential of solar upgrades at the airport. Greg has a meeting scheduled next week related to a site solar audit.

Tor also asked about a security camera update. Cameras are up and running but not streaming effectively yet on the website.

Doug Holzman wanted to talk about the need for more hangars and the proposed development of new hangars and if they could be federally funded. Doug asked if BIL funds can be used for this development. This will be looked into. Doug also wanted to know why the Port will not allow private parties to build hangars and use a land lease. Greg acknowledged this and stated that the return over time on a port built property would be a better payout than private built properties.

Bud commented on the fence that has been put up around the North parking area. He stated that since the fence has been put up, many people do not know how to get to their airplanes. It was noted that there is a man gate in the fencing that can be used for flightline access.

Sarah Brown brought up concerns about hangar rate increases and was wondering if there is any group that is focusing on decreasing rates rather than continuing to increase them. Tor responded that the Port Commissioners have been made aware of this concern. The AAC has advised the Port to stop increasing rates. Sarah mentioned the idea that perhaps tenants could pay monthly and get a discounted rate for paying quarterly or annually.

ACTION ITEMS

- None specified

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Next meeting is set for 20 April 2023, location Port Conference Room. Agenda will be sent out prior to the next meeting and will detail the date, time, and location. If the need arises for an interim meeting, communications will be sent out with meeting time and location.