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**MINUTES
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 24, 2020**

1. Members Present: Tor Beiker, Margo Dameier, Adam Young, Ken Newman, Brook Beilen, Dave Koebel, John Benton (WAAAM)
Staff: Michael McElwee, Anne Medenbach
Absent: Commissioner Streich, Jeff Renard (FBO)
2. Minutes are not yet prepared for the August 20 meeting; Anne will have those next week.
3. The Commissioners approved the new members and adding WAAAM as a permanent member. John Benton is representing WAAAM and the two new members are Adam Young and Margo Demeier. The guidance statement, which is informal and required no Commission approval, was presented and generally accepted by the Commission. That statement is:
“The Airport Advisory Committee gathers information and analyzes options in order to provide input and advice to the Port of Hood River Board of Commissioners on airport and aviation related issue.”
4. Chris Robuck apologized for her behavior at the August 20th meeting and stated that she had been frustrated with the process.
5. Century West Engineer James Kirby and Bianca Villanueva attended and lead a discussion about the airport planning and construction process with the FAA. The big impact is that the airport is design for both group 1 & 2 aircraft which requires greater setbacks for everything.
 - i. There is a net tie-down loss of 40, between the last 7 years of projects. This matches the FAA projection for need. However, the airport has a wait list for both tie downs and hangars and may be able to push for more tie downs. There are some potential option locations for tie-downs, however, none of them are FAA eligible. Dave suggested installing a concrete ribbon on the building pads to tie down on. Further discussion need.

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- ii. Discussed the AWOS location. Determined that just the anemometer could be relocated, keeping the rest of the equipment where it is. That project could be funded by the FAA and should be included in this years CIP list. It can be funded by NPE's. Total cost is estimated at \$100,0000.
- iii. The AAC would also like to look for another location for a supplementary wind cone.

ACTION: The AAC would like to recommend to the Commission that they move the anemometer as part of the CIP list for next year as it is a major safety concern. Also, to look at a location to add a supplementary wind cone mid field.

- 6. Anne gave an update on the projects which should be complete by the end of October. The Commission approved moving ahead with installing the fuel farm concrete pad with extra funds left over from the COVI/ODOT project being under budget. That will be complete toward the end of October.
- 7. WAAAM is slow.
- 8. Glider club has been operating for two weeks as they have their tow plane back. Lots of new students.
- 9. New Business
 - i. T hangar lease input needs to be received by Oct. 1. Brook sent out a google doc for your comments.
 - ii. Mark Stanfield had several questions for the AAC:
 - 1. Can the Port install flush mounted runway lights? Yes, it's a matter of budget and staff time.
 - 2. Has there been further developments with a hot ramp? No, again, staff time has not been available.
 - 3. Is there a place for potential hangar for the glider club? Yes, potentially across 25 in the box hangar area that the Commission is currently considering developing. It is not possible in the glider current location as the zoning is not correct and not easily changed.
 - 4. Could the Port pay for a quieter prop for the tow plane? The Port is waiting for a formal request to take to the Commission.
 - 5. Should the tow plane switch pattern direction to R? There was no consensus on this.
 - iii. Pilot controlled lighting- Discussion and unanimous consent that this is what the AAC wants to move to. It is how the FAA lists the airport already.