

**PRESENT:** Committee members Chair Jeremy Young, Dayle Harris, Gennaro Avolio, John Benton, Ed Drew, and Richard Clarke, FBOs Scott Gifford and Johnny Young, and Port Marketing Manager Mike Doke.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Jeremy Young called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

## **SUMMER 2009 AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATES**

Mike Doke reported that the Port has decided to postpone construction of the grass landing strip adjacent to Runway 25. A full runway closure is required with the project, and summer is the airport's busiest time; the project was scheduled to commence Monday, July 13. Base soil material for the grass landing strip will be transported from an Odell fruit packing operation, and no hauling can occur after Aug. 15 because of the fruit harvest. The Port has an option of hauling and stockpiling this material prior to Aug. 15 for an additional \$20,000, but the Port would prefer to save that expense and simply haul the material when construction occurs. This material becomes difficult to work with when wet, so hauling cannot occur during rainy periods, Doke reported. The Port plans to construct the landing strip in spring 2010. Committee members encouraged the Port to try to construct the grass runway in fall 2009, following the fruit harvest, and Doke said he would explore this option.

There was an update on the north Apron Crack Sealing/AWOS Modification/Wind Cone Relocation project that began July 14. Crack sealing required may T-hangar tenants to move planes out of hangars, which are inaccessible during constructing. Paving is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, and hangars should be accessible after that phase of the project, Doke reported. Regarding the wind cone, Doke noted there have been varying preferences on where the relocated equipment is sited, but the present identified location north of the northern taxiway is the only airport site that satisfies Federal Aviation Administration set back regulations. Committee members are concerned that trees located west of this location would affect how airstreams move the wind cone, and member suggested the Port installs wind cones on both ends of the runway, as well. Doke will explore FAA funding for this.

Doke noted that the Port plans to install a new runway lighting system that does not need to be illuminated overnight. Pilots flying after dark would be able to turn on the runway lights by using their plane radios. Committee members did not support this and recommended the Port abandon the project.

There was also discussion regarding vacation of Orchard Road east of the airport, a major project in the airport master plan adopted in May by Hood River County. Committee members urged the Port to move forward with road vacation as soon as possible, and Doke replied he would discuss this with the Port's attorney.

## **OTHER ITEMS – NOISE ABATEMENT AND THROUGH-THE-FENCE POLICY**

Dayle Harris reported he is creating a first draft of a noise-abatement policy that will encourage pilots to follow correct air traffic patterns to lessen the degree of aviation noise

over residential properties. He will present this draft at the next Airport Advisory Committee meeting.

Doke distributed a draft agreement of a through-the-fence policy and reported FAA has responded positively to the draft

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1.