

Port of Hood River, Airport Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting

16 July 2020

4:00 PM- 5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: See Zoom meeting roster for full list of attendees.

REGRETS: Bud Musser was unable to attend.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. This meeting was recorded.
- Brief remarks were made by Ken regarding last month's hangar tenant lease review. The decision was made to hold a special working session to conduct a formal review of the hangar lease. This working session will take place in September. Inputs and recommendations will be compiled and presented to the Port Board in October.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH

- Last month's meeting minutes were approved with no edits or additions.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- No additional items were added to the agenda.

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- Agenda was approved with no additions.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

New AAC Membership

- The Port Board would like to re-advertise the 2 open AAC member seats and would like to remove the stipulation that aviation experience is needed.
- AAC has been asked to provide a recommendation to the Port Board of aviation to non-aviation AAC members.

Port Discussion Items (Anne)

- Discussion was given regarding the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of the AAC. The AAC is advisory in nature. No decisions or actions can be taken by the AAC. The AAC makes recommendations and provides input to the Port Board. The Port Board is the decision maker.
- The Port Board would like the AAC to develop a purpose statement. Ken has created a draft statement for the rest of the AAC members to review and make inputs to. An email of this purpose statement will be sent to all AAC members. Any changes or edits will be sent to Ken and Anne.

Construction Report (Anne)

- Paving is scheduled to begin 29 July to give North Ramp access to taxi ways and runways. Should be usable by 01 Aug.
- Power will be cut off to the T Hangars sometime in the next week.
- On foot access to the T Hangars is OK during the next stages of construction as long as individuals do not walk through the active construction site. Foot traffic must come in from Tucker Road.

Fly Friendly (Ken)

- Last week a sub-group met to discuss noise issues. This group consisted of 2 AAC members (Ken, Dave, and Stan), 3 community members (Cindy, Heather, and Chris), and 2 Port employees (Anne and Michael). Discussion took place in person. Notes will be compiled and brought up in the next AAC meeting.

TacAero (Jeff)

- Currently the biggest constraint that the FBO has is not having the space to put aircraft. Currently at capacity. Ken brought up Troutdale as an alternative option for keeping aircraft. He has moved his plane there and said there is plenty of room available.
- KDLS is not a viable option for moving aircraft to as they are beginning construction on the West ramp Monday.
- Fuel sales are up about 362 gallons in June. Anticipating July to be a slow sales month.
- Soaring club offered up some of their space for tie down spots. This should take some load off of the FBO.

WAAAM (John)

- WAAAM is open and continuing to see a reduced rate of attendance. No updates on any planned events from the last meeting.

Glider Club (Mark)

- 3 new youth members have joined the glider club. Will start flying in North Plains until the tow plane is back in operation.
- Working towards having 2 tow planes in case one goes down for maintenance.

Previous Discussion Item Updates

- T hangar tenant / Port BBQ is tentatively scheduled for the Sept – Oct timeframe.

New Business

- Dave wanted to know the plan for how non-airworthy aircraft will be towed back when construction is complete. He was concerned with these aircraft damaging the newly paved surfaces. Proposal was made to leave derelict aircraft where they are. It is possible to leave these aircraft in the gravel area, South Field, next to the fuel tank.
- Port Board has been exploring the idea of a 6000-8500 ft² (4 unit) commercial hangar. Currently working with architects.
- Port Board is also looking into Box hangars on the East side of the airport. Land would be leased to individuals to construct box hangars. (12-15 box hangars)

ACTION ITEMS

- Report to the Port Board recommendations for aviation to non-aviation AAC member ratio.
- Report to the Port Board the AAC purpose statement. AAC members to review draft statement and provide input and edits.

- Compile notes from sub group meeting regarding airport noise concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:00

NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting is scheduled for 20 August 2020 at 4:00 PM. Location will be virtual via Zoom. The agenda and meeting link will be provided one week prior to the meeting.