

Hood River County Airport Advisory Committee

The Airport Advisory Committee met in The Commissioners Room at 7:30 P.M. with Chairman Sterling Hanel Presiding.

Members Present Were, Sterling Hanel, Jay Lawhon, Glen McPherrin, Ted Ekker, and Arne Eudelius attended his first meeting.

Also Present were, Bob Meyers, Airport Manager, and Mrs. Shari Decker and Mr. Fran Roberts of Aero Spray Inc., Hood River, Oregon,

Under discussion was ;

1. " County Airport Layout Plan, Service Area Plan, and Approach and Clear Zone Plan, " as received from The Oregon State Board of  Aeronautics. Some changes in the plan were suggested as being more desirable than as proposed.

1. Hangers which might be built should run East and West rather than North and South as shown.
2. Office spaces, rather than being put up as shown, would be much better situated if built onto present Administration building.
3. Addition of third office addition for additional users such as forest service, ect.

Motion was made by Glen Mc Pherrin, and 2nd. by Ted Ekker

" That Section 1 and 2 of State Board of Aeronautics plan be recommended to Hood River County Commissioners for immediate planning and Go ahead so as to be ready for action when final plans are received from State Board at end of August as stated."

2. Mr. Fran Roberts of Aero Spray Inc., advised the committee that except for times when Mr. Wright ( The Farmer leasing land from airport) was irrigating that there was no water. Apparently Mr. Wright is paying the electric bill for operation of a pump, and when not personally using, he shuts it off, therefore no water is available except at the administration building. There are outlets but no water since pump is shut off.

Motion was made by Glen McPherrin and 2nd by Ted Ekker,

" That The County make study and provision for water for Aero Spray Inc, and other users who might need it. At least make provision for pump to be operative."

3. Bob Meyers Reports --- 1. That Activity has picked up since his arrival and he expects it to more and more as word spreads that someone is there. He has painted Thresholds and Runway Numbers, The first we have had there. The airport needs some growth, such as facility for Forrest Service who wishes to come back, Runway Extension as recommended in 1 and 2 of State Board. He has been in contact with Forrest Service-- They stated they had moved because could get no service here--- The Dalles bends over backwards for them--- They would rather be here as closer to operation if just could get soon cooperation from us. Need office space extension. 5-30-7 Also reported complaint from Mr, Andrews about noise

4. At 9:00 P.M. went to planning commission meeting and requested they recommend to County Commission as in subject I above. After some discussion, they voted to so recommend.

There was a general discussion that  apparently the importance of the airport facility is not realized where it counts. Hood River Valley is primarily supported by Agriculture and Forest products, but they are least considered where the airport is concerned. Spray operations add  forest surveillance is done almost exclusively by aircraft, and the need for improvement is great. It was brought out several times that the airport appears to be in run down condition and repeated requests for care by the County have been substantially ignored. There was question as to the effectiveness of this committee. ( Continued)



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----- It was pointed out that; Piles of rocks are behind the long hanger shed, where they have been for years. Mounds of dirt from previous snow plowings make it hazardous to taxi aircraft anywhere off paved areas, ect. The recommendation is made;

1. That The county Road department or responsible department be directed to put the Airport on it's schedule as part of the normal routine maintenance, since nothing happens on a hit or miss basis, and the field is in generally run down, more or less ignored condition.
2. A potentially dangerous condition exists in that it is reported that at night there is some use of the landing area being used by motorcy cles ~~XXXXXX~~. which if there when plane is landing would be very serious. It is recommended that the back road into airport be closed off, or some method of control be found to stop this.

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The meeting adjourned with the sug estion that the com ittee meet again sometime around the First of September to pursue some of these objectives.

Respectfully Submitted