

NOTES - Meeting on Airport Master Plan with
Planning Consultants, State and Federal People.
PORT OF HOOD RIVER
June 3, 1976 - 5:00 p.m.
Port Conference Room

Present: All Port Commissioners; President C. W. Wells, Commissioners John A. Weber, Percy Jensen, Dr. James Wade and M. S. Walton, Port Engineer James Dielschneider, Manager Dallas Dusenbery, Assistant Manager Jim O'Banion. From the Airport Advisory Committee were Chairman Sterling Hanel and Ted Ekker. From the State were Ray Costello, Transportation Department, and Roger Ritchey, Aeronautics Division. From the FAA was Mark Beisse, Planning Division.

CH2M-Hill. The first presentation was from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., from CH2M-Hill, made by Mal Miner and Bill Johnson. They outlined the following considerations that they make in this type of a plan; the environment, economics, finance and community involvement. The Master Plan, of course, has to comply with the County Master Plan. They envision an eight month study, if we have to have an E.I.S. Their goal is a total concept. They would have approximately four people working regularly on the job and, of course, drawing in specialists from their staff for other outside work. They would want to work very closely with any local committees to get direction.

We then adjourned for dinner and at 7:30 p.m. reconvened to hear the next presentation.

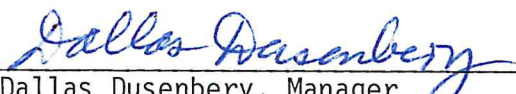
Stevens, Thompson & Runyan, Inc. The presentation was made by Ted Bell and George Reynolds. This firm's major concerns seemed to be the alignment and the runway lengths, and would be one of the things they would address carefully in their longrange planning. They envision a six month minimum time needed on the project and they indicated that they were looking for this type of work and were very interested in doing the job. At the present time they were working on finishing a master plan and analysis for Richland, Washington, Hermiston, Oregon, Astoria, Oregon and Prosser, Washington.

Century West Engineering. At 8:30 p.m. we had this presentation, with Bill Lyche and Ned Dempsey making the presentation. Century West envisions eight to nine months, and possibly up to a year, to complete a Master Plan. As was brought out in the questions, they as yet have not done a master plan. They finished a major engineering project at the Redmond Airport last year, and are working on one at Madras at the present time. With their presentation they certainly showed that they know what is involved in making a master plan and would not attempt to rush the job through. They would do a complete job.

After the consultants left, the State and Federal people reaffirmed what they had said during dinner, that they would not downgrade a presentation made by a firm such as Century West Engineering, who had not made a master plan before, and that they would be interested in seeing another firm enter the field to give a little more imagination and diversity to the field. Of course, they reiterated that it is our decision, not theirs.

After the State and Federal people left, the Port Commissioners, staff, and the Advisory Committee people discussed it further, and with an informal straw vote being taken, voted for first and second choice. These votes did include the staff and the Advisory people. This informal staw ballot showed seven (7) for Century West Engineering and four (4) for CH2M-Hill. The gist of our conversation was that some felt that we would get a more dedicated effort from Century West since they were new in the field and would try unusually hard to do a bang up job on this project. Possibly CH2M-Hill, who are a large engineering and consulting firm, would possibly pull a major part of the plan right off the shelf somewhere, as it were, and not give it the kind of attention that we feel we need. But, to offset this, if we had a feeling that we were not getting the kind of treatment or the kind of plan we wanted from CH2M-Hill, we could certainly contact principals in the firm and get them back on the track that we felt would be acceptable to us.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 11:00 p.m.


Dallas Dusenbery, Manager