

Minutes - Airport Advisory Committee Meeting
PORT OF HOOD RIVER
May 24, 1977 - 7:30 p.m.
Hood River Airport Mobil Office

Present: From the Airport Advisory Committee were Ted Ekker, Chuck Smith, Leroy Smith, Arne Udelius and Jay Lawhon. From the airport were Bob Meyer and Don Bonta. From the Port were Commissioner John Weber and Airport Manager Jim O'Banion. Also present were Agricultural Air Applicator Don Decker, and Bill Lyche and Hans Kurtz from Century West Engineering.

Absent: From the Airport Advisory Committee were Chairman Sterling Hanel and Charles Deach.

Minutes of the meeting held April 19, 1977 were approved as mailed, on motion by Chuck Smith, seconded by Ted Ekker, and unanimous aye vote.

Master Plan - Century West Engineering. Bill Lyche pointed out that they need to set up a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee, set for June 23, 1977 at the Port building, to look at plans and alternatives for the Master Plan for the airport. Some of the alternate plans discussed were #1, keeping the airport boundaries more or less as they are opposed to enlarging out over Orchard Road. Alternate #2 was extending the length of the runway and deciding whether to have displaced thresholds. Yet another was on extending the taxiways clear down to the end of the runway or moving it across the field. Another alternate was how much tie down space would be needed and where they should be. Another alternate was on hangar space and how many hangars might be needed and where they should be built. Another alternate was for the Forest Service. They apparently would like to have a full time permanent building, and there was discussion as to where it should be located - on the northeast corner where it is or elsewhere. There was also discussion regarding location of the agricultural spray applicators, which should probably be on the southwest end of the field near Tucker Road because of security and due to loaded ag planes taking off to the east. Another alternative was where the Fixed Base Operator should be located. There was some thought about whether it should be on the north side of the field if the taxiway were there or remain on the present site. These were alternatives and thoughts that the Engineers have and are asking for input from the users of the airport as to their recommendations for locating these various things. There was also a questionnaire passed out to all in attendance on the use of the field and what the aircraft users felt about it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tie Down Fees. Jim O'Banion read a letter he had written to Ray Axford, confirming that the tie down fees for transient users of the airport would be as they were fixed in the minutes of the April 19, 1977 meeting; namely, \$1.00 per day, \$5.00 per week, or \$10.00 per month.

Air Easements. These trials on avigation easements are coming up in June, with the Port of Hood River vs. Scoville on June 7, vs. Taylor on June 14, and vs. Drake and Sherrell on June 16.

Proposed Budget. John Weber read off the figures that are being proposed for the 1977-78 Budget, totaling some \$81,000.00 in all and broken down as pointed out under the budget forms that he was reading from. These figures are available to anyone who wants to look at them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Airport Fire and Safety Inspection. Jim O'Banion read a letter from Ken Palmer in which he pointed out observations of what he felt should be done to help eliminate airport fire hazards. From now on there will be a semi-annual inspection of the airport. Ty Taylor went out and checked the fire extinguishers and that type of thing and the airport will comply with the requirements as set forth by Ken Palmer.

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Letter from Port of Portland, on their general aviation facilities, was read by Jim O'Banion. They invited members of this committee to come down to take a look at their facilities, probably at Troutdale and Hillsboro. They also sent a copy of their minimum standards for their airport use.

Request for Airport Land Use. Jim O'Banion questioned what this committee felt about commercial users of the airport. The feeling or questions seemed to be on how to handle the outside users who want to come in and what kind of criteria to use. Some members seemed to think that protection for the local operator is due and if an outside operator wanted to come in and do spraying, or perform other commercial activities that will compete with the local operators, that they would build or have facilities similar to what the local operator has. Of course, there is no provision at this time for these facilities and buildings and so forth like the local operators have. Seemingly the opinion of the Port Commission is to have the facilities set up on a minimum standard to be required for aerial applicators and others and at present there are no other facilities and none can be provided until the Master Plan is completed later this fall. I guess that spells no competition at the airport other than that provided by the present two ag operators and the Fixed Base Operator.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Lawhon, Secretary