



## **Minutes**

### **AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

**At WAAAM – 4:00pm**

Attendees: Bret Russell, Doug Roby, Dayle Harris, Bill Avolio, John Benton, Brian Prange, Tammy Kaufman, Bud Musser, Ken Newman, Cory Roessler, Anne Medenbach.

1. Airport Project updates (Anne. M)
  - a. Environmental Assessment- *complete, with final contingent on getting wetland permits*
  - b. Wetland permitting- *Have re-submitted and hope to have permits by 2019.*
  - c. Connect Oregon- *90% drawings are complete, still on schedule for construction in Spring of 2019.*
  - d. South Development -*Tac Aero will be resubmitting final plans to the Port for approval at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Those plans will likely include three 80x80 hangars for storage and maintenance, construction in Spring of 2019.*
2. FBO update
  - Will begin negotiations on new operations agreement in October.*
  - Fly in went great. Pumped 3,500 gal from trucks and 800 from pump, made \$20,000 in scenic rides and merchandise sales, turned in a drone pilot who was trying to fly on the field, that is now in FAA hands. Lots of work, trying to help WAAAM by marshaling, stripping and looking to share more responsibilities.*
  - *They are averaging 20 active students and have had 30 students this year complete the training program.*
  - Looking at ways to track take off and landings although its difficult and various experiments with how to do this accurately have failed. They will keep trying.*
  - Will put a Fly Friendly and traffic pattern note on UNICOM. Port will send language from Fly Friendly program.*
3. WAAAM Update
  - *Fly in-went well, put on 8 pilot safety seminars, with 40-70 people at each. Looking for a larger place to host those next year. 130 plans on Friday. Spaghetti feed was taken over by the high school and was well received. A question was if the fly in was invitation only. No it is advertised.*

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- *Coordinate advertising with Tac Aero, Port and Fly Friendly program. Include traffic pattern graphics. More info on website.*
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## 4. Glider Update

- operating 2-3 days per week.
- 3 active instructors and 5 students. Great weather for soaring recently.
- Looking at how to expand to students, Wildwood tour next week.

## 5. Other items to discuss

- Runway light height -*Port will look into cost of retrofit kits to lower lights all to the same low level as some were done a couple of years ago.*
- Gate codes- *Unanimous request from AAC to change access code to UNICOM frequency and keep it there. That's 1228.*  
*-Port will look into a camera and post light for the north gate to help with fuel theft.*
- Dirt move- *The port is planning on moving 20,000 cy of dirt to the east side of the field from the lower mill. Anne will send John Benton a copy of the soils report. This would happen this winter.*
- Ordinance 23 and the minimum standards were approved on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the Port will post those on the website shortly.
- Congratulations to Dayle Harris and Doug Roby who were both appointed as AAC members. Thank you to those of you who applied, we hope you remain involved as your input is very important!

**Next Meeting is Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**