



Minutes

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 14, 2019

1. Airport updates
 - a. New AAC president

Dayle Harris resigned from the AAC. Ken Newman was appointed by the Board and AAC to take his place. Ken's term will be three years from 12-1-2019 through 11-30-2022. Ken and Dayle both addressed the audience who were there for noise issues and explained the process to date and how the airport works.
 - b. Connect 6- update
 - i. Permit have been received.
 - ii. Anne updated on current challenges with the grant project, that it is \$700,000 over budget due to the three years it took to get permits and loss of an economic development partner. The Port is lobbying ODOT for additional funds in order to be able to complete the project. A request was made for AAC members to call or write Port Commissioners to ensure that they know how important the project is to the airport. The Port will bid the project in November. Bids will be received in Dec with a decision in January regarding weather or not to move forward with the project.
 - c. FAA projects- moving forward expected to bid in the spring and start in mid-summer. Reconfigures parking on the north side, loses 14 parking spaces.

ACTION: A request was made to pave the south side building pad to accommodate for lost parking.
 - d. Gate on south side- New gate going in next year. Irrigation is complete. Seeding and grading will occur in the spring. Cory made a request for an altered staging strip to the south of 25 for Gliders.
 - e. Noise issue and response- Discussion about existing fly friendly program ensued. Jim Stewart explained that jet fuel is kerosene and that no large jets can access hood river, explained about the terrain and aircraft performance.

Question arised about who was doing the night flights and it's the aerospace industry testing. Chris Robuck handed out a sheet of questions regarding noise impacts and requested that we change and reduce the traffic and that the COVI project would only increase it. More discussion about the airport's importance to the county and that the Port is not doing enough to stop noise.

Audience brings up that the Master plans goal is to increase airport operations. Anne agrees and states that the purpose of an airport is to be self-sufficient and that as an FAA obligated airport we are required to aspire to that. Additional discussion was had about the ALP and the zoning limits on development and that the airport is surrounded by EFU land and that the Master plan maximizes development.

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Margot Daimler states that she wants the best possible airport and a high quality of life and that she thinks that is possible. She is a neighbor.

Discussion about the wide variety of airplane types and standards and fly friendly vs noise abatement which can be implemented by the local jurisdiction, aka the Port.

- f. Tech industry input- Meeting held November 14th at the Port
 - g. Cell tower proposal-
ACTION: Anne will send out the proposed location for the Cell tower to the AAC for review
2. FBO update-Flight training has moved mostly to Texas and The Dalles. Fuel sales are going well, nearly the same as last year.
 3. WAAAM Update- had a great year record number of visitors. 120 boat stops. Donations are up due to boats. Margot had a question about the dark sky lighting. Judy said they changed their exterior lights to LED's, but Margo requested some sort of shade.
 4. Glider Update- Club is wrapped up for the year as of the 16th. One last flight will occur on the 15th. Cory will send the port information about it. Looking forward to working on an alternative area for gliders to stage south of the runway and for the Port to remove some of the runway lights to allow for easy access and improved safety.
 5. Additional items
 - a. Anne will send out the Connect 6 plans to the AAC for review
 - b. Anne will send out the proposed location for the cell tower near the high school. Please comment.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 23, 2020 3:00 WAAAM