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# Agenda for the MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD

#### **OF THE**

#### COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT

(Established cooperatively between the City of The Dalles, Oregon and Klickitat County, Washington)
Friday, October 21, 2016 @ 7:00am
Meeting to be Held at the Airport Terminal in Dallesport, WA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes: August 19, 2016
- V. Public Comments (items not on the Agenda)
- VI. Board Member Comments (items not on the Agenda)
- VII. Action Items
  - A. Consideration of recommending award of the contract for the Taxiway A Rehabilitation project to Crestline Construction.
- VIII. Discussion Items
  - A. Airport Projects.
  - B. Runway 25/7 rehabilitation issues.
  - C. Consideration of a long term DNR lease for the fire base.
  - D. Potential Ramp expansion.
  - E. Consideration of a future road across a portion of Airport property on the south side of Dallesport Road leading to property closer to the river.
- IX. Budget Report
- X. Next Meeting Date: November 18, 2014
- XI. Adjournment

# Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting Regional Airport Authority

August 19, 2016

Airport Terminal – Dallesport, Washington

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jim Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Members present: Tim McGlothlin, Dave Sauter, Dave Griffith, Terry Trapp, Tim Urness and Jim Wilcox. Absent: Tim McGlothlin, and Norm Deo.

Staff members present: Rolf Anderson and Chuck Covert of AMI, Richard Foster of Klickitat County and Julie Krueger of the City of The Dalles.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 17, 2016, Minutes were unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Wilcox announced that the Lions donated the \$700.00 it collected from gate collections at the Fly In to the Fire Department.

There was a general discussion of the drag race held at the Airport. The Fire Department reported no accidents at the Drag Race. Tim Urness reported the race went well and would like to reserve the area for next year at the same time.

AMI reported that the Ageless Aviation Foundation again visited the Airport a few days earlier and gave rides in their Stearman Aircraft to Veterans for free. This group travels the country giving free rides to Veterans. The fire department and GAS worked with the group to provide these rides and assist the Veterans getting into the airplane.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

## Taxiway "A" Rehabilitation Project

AMI discussed the Taxiway "A" Rehabilitation project. Previously the Board had approved going forward with this project based on the funding for the estimated \$1,450,000 project to be 90% from the FAA, 5% from the Washington State Aviation Department and 5% from

local funding from the Airport budget. AMI has just learned that the funding from Washington State will not be forthcoming so the question is whether to proceed with the project with 10% of the funding coming from the Airport budget and 90% from the FAA. AMI reported that it had been told by the FAA that if the project is not approved prior to the close of the FAA fiscal year, funding for the project from the FAA would not be available until maybe 2019. After thorough discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted to recommend to Klickitat County and the City of The Dalles that the Airport Budget be amended if necessary to provide local funds from the Airport Budget in order to proceed with the Taxiway "A" Project in 2016.

## **Emergency Funding for replacing the Jet A Pump in the fuel storage Tank**

AMI discussed that the fuel pump in the jet underground tank failed approximately two weeks ago. After receiving estimates it was determined that tank was apparently installed incorrectly and the only way to replace the fuel pump will be to drain the tank, have it cleaned out, and then put men in the tank to replace the pump. The total costs include about \$3,000 to \$4,000 for the pump, \$5,000 to clean the tank, \$4,500 to replace the pump, along with costs for removing the fuel and any repairs to the tank that are necessary once the inside of the tank is examined after it is cleaned. After thorough discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted to authorize the expenditure of funds necessary to drain and clean the tank, replace the pump and make any necessary repairs to the underground jet fuel tank.

## **Installation of Shower in Hangar B**

AMI discussed the number of fire fighters at the Airport this summer as well as the airplane passengers that visit the Gorge. Many of this people camp at the Airport or other places and a shower would be a large benefit to those people as well as potentially attracting more travelers to the Airport. After thorough discussion a motion was made, seconded and unanimously adopted to authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,500 for the installation of a shower in Hangar B.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

AMI discussed the request by Mr. Morgan to construct a road across a portion of the Airport property located south of the Dallesport road. Mr. Morgan intends to develop his property located south of the Airport property and for that development he needs to provide a second access to his property and this could be accomplished by building a road across the Airport property. The Board instructed that AMI place it on the next Airport Agenda for consideration and a site visit.

AMI discussed that it was discussing a potential long term lease with the Washington Department of Natural Resources for a long term fire base at the Airport.

AMI discussed an idea for a potential RV park that the Airport might be able to develop on Airport property. AMI will bring more information to future meetings.

AMI discussed the accident on August 1, 2016, at the Airport involving Mr. Richard Sperling.

AMI discussed that Precision Approach Engineering "PAE" is the Airport engineering firm for the Airport handling all "air side" projects and FAA projects. The FAA requires that the Airport go through a selection process for selecting these engineers every 5 years. Currently the contract with PAE ends October 1, 2016. Over the past several years PAE designed and handled all of the construction engineering on the Runway 31/13 project, of which the current Taxiway "A" Rehabilitation project is the fourth and final portion. PAE has completed the design of the Taxiway "A" project. AMI recommends that the Airport make a request to the FAA authorizing the Airport to extend the contract with PAE through the completion of the Taxiway "A" project in 2017. The Board unanimously recommended that AMI seek FAA approval to extend the contract with PAE through construction of the Taxiway "A" project.

Dave Sauter discussed his recent discussions with Roseland Properties concerning potential future development of their project.

## Manager's Report

AMI reported the city of The Dalles has not yet finished the 2016 budget review.

AMI introduced Steve Bailey of Aero Spray, one of the Fire Boss Pilots based at this Airport during this fire season. Steve Bailey discussed the issue if delays in launching the fire-fighting aircraft toward a fire. There was a general discussion of potential ways to resolve this delay including requesting the states to set aside a fund that would pay of the initial fire-fighting, perhaps the first hour, while the final funding was arranged through the appropriate agencies.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

September 16, 2016

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Jim Wilcox adjor	urned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.
Jim Wilcox, Chairman	