

City of Colville
Airport Board Minutes
14 December 2016

The meeting began at 6:02 pm

In attendance:

Board Members: Jon Bateman, Bud Budinger, Jerry Sater, Derrol Sater, Gary Gibson, Steve Pietroburgo,
Airport Manager Dave Garringer

Absent: Gary Brooks, Daron Tate, Drew Hatch

City Council: Mr. Doug Kyle

Public: None

Budget: Dave reported that he did not yet have a revenue report for November but did have the expense and account reports through November. As of 10/31/2016, expenses had lagged total revenue by \$14,000. We have a supply of 2300 gallons of avgas on hand, however, which represents \$10,500 in eventual revenues. Currently the Airport has \$35,000 unspent in the 2016 budget.

The 2017 budget, approved by City Council, contains \$119,840, up from \$113,353 in 2016. This includes \$5k more for fuel purchase.

Old Business:

1. **Airport Office HVAC.** Natural gas supply line is in to the airport east gate. A gas stove is now operational in the office and the new HVAC system will be installed tomorrow. The bid for the unit came in below the expected amount.
2. **Helipad.** We are still waiting for Lifeflight to begin siting an operation at Colville but that site will be on the site previously selected for a GA helicopter landing pad. This will mean selecting another spot for other GA helicopter landings.

New Business:

- 1) **Natural Gas.** Ken Sampson of Avista Corp. would like to meet with any hangar owner that wish to have natural gas run to their hangars. He will be contacting Dave Garringer regarding this, probably in the spring of 2017.

- 2) **Rotating Beacon.** The beacon has consumed a lot of Dave's time for maintenance, although he reported that expenses for parts had been fairly low. Mr. Kyle offered that Avista Corp. may offer assistance for a switch to an LED type light. Dave will pursue this idea.
- 3) **Taxiway Changes.** Jon Bateman proposes an additional taxiway connector between the runway and Taxiway "A", approximately at the location of the fifth green on the adjacent golf course. The Board consensus is that this should be discussed further prior to the application for grant funding to do engineering work on runway widening, realignment and repavement.
- 4) **Revenue Generation.** Dave presented some ideas he has for increasing revenue generated on the airport. They are:
 - More advertisement of the availability of the airport office building as a meeting spot for small groups.
 - Construct a hangar or series of hangars for lease.
 - Modest increase in the fuel price margin. (Colville seems to currently be under the rates at airports in the area).
 - Allowance for residences in hangars and increased rents.

The Board discussed these ideas as well as the idea of getting Colville listed as an Airport of Entry. Within the scope of this meeting, no formal decisions were taken but the ideas generated a great deal of discussion.

Airport Manager's Report:

Dave briefed the Board on two projects he has in mind for 2017. He intends to replace the plumbing on the fuel tank with stainless steel piping in order to prevent further corrosion. The cost is currently unknown. Also, we have the trusses and roofing from a former City Park shelter. If we acquire the rest of the materials these items would serve to become a storage shed at the airport. Jerry has a line on some used poles if the City Building Department will approve of them.

The next Airport Board Meeting will be March 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Airport Office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Pietroburgo, Secretary