

City of Colville

Airport Board Minutes

17 December 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

In attendance:

Board Members: Jeff Harshman, Bud Budinger, Jerry Sater, Harley Howell Jr., Dave Shaw, Steve Pietroburgo, Airport Manager Dave Garringer. Absent: Dave Celebrezzi

City Council: Mike Burch, Bill Beatty

Public: Bob Sterner, Dan Noble, Julie Howell, Steve Beattie, Pam Beattie, Jack Liuten, Sam Jennings

The minutes of the September meeting were dispensed with.

The Chairman opened a discussion on the recent political climate surrounding airport matters and reviewed comments written by Councilwoman Nancy Foll, in which she requested the community work together on framing the issues.

Mr. Harshman offered to resign his position as Chairman of the Board and stated that if he were to resign someone would need to step up to the position. He also stated that Mr. Celebrezzi would be required to resign his Board position due to his moving out of the city proper. Mr. Harshman polled the room for volunteers for either position and the Board discussed advertising for Board vacancies.

Steve Beattie expressed interest in a position on the Board and stated he would be willing to serve as Chairman. Mr. Beattie resides within the city limits and received an application from the Chairman.

The Chairman gave background on the hangar lease revision and tried to relate that the City initiated the process and desires a lease that has more enforcement power in dealing with delinquent accounts, nuisances, etc... Mr. Howell had asked if we really need a new lease. Mr. Harshman reported that the City Attorney will have the final say on whether a new agreement is acceptable to the City.

Mr. Shaw reported that he had an attorney review the current new lease proposal (which is based on the Deer Park lease). His advice is to "red line" any items we want clarified, changed or deleted. A reduction in complexity is necessary; 14 pages is too lengthy.

Mr. Sater stated that our current situation is the entire Board's fault, and not just the Chairman's. He has talked with the City Attorney and related that the City is open to hearing a proposal back from the community and the Board. She does not appear to be willing to back away from a requirement for liability attached to hangars. There currently exists an ad hoc citizen's committee working on such a proposal. Mr. Harshman urged they present such a proposal to the Board at the earliest possible date.

The Chairman opened the meeting for any comment from the public:

- Sam Jennings reported that the Coeur D' Alene lease rates are \$0.16/sq ft, and hangar owners are required to carry \$500,000 liability coverage. Lease periods there are 25 years.
- Mr. Harshman answered questions regarding the make-up of the Board (i.e. city residents vs. out-of-city members). He said the Board, by City Council Resolution, is required to have a minimum of 3 City residents.
- Julie Howell told Mr. Harshman that she speaks for several people and said that he should resign his position on the Board because he can no longer do any good for the airport.

Dave Shaw moved for adjournment. Second by Harley Howell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Submitted by Stephen Pietroburgo, Secretary