

City of Colville  
Airport Board Minutes  
26 September 2014

The meeting began at 6:00 pm

In attendance:

Board Members: Drew Hatch, Daron Tate, Bud Budinger, Gary Brooks, Jerry Sater and George Thomas via telephone. Absent: Steve Pietroburgo, Dave Shaw.

Manager: Dave Garringer.

City Council Liaison: Mike Birch

Public: Linda Hartman, Lyn Hartman, Joanne Bender

The minutes of the 25 August 2014 Board meeting were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. FY 2015-16 Budget: Drew Hatch, acting as Chair, reviewed the budget submission and Board explanations of the changes from the 2013 figures. Dave read emails from Acting Mayor Nancy Foll regarding airport revenues, charting of airport fees and administrative expenses. It was unclear to all present as to Ms. Foll's intent, since all airport fees were set and charted, leaving fuel sales as the only discretionary revenues. Drew explained the Board's submission of a 2016 budget request for water as being a prerequisite to going forward with the volunteer efforts to realign, reduce the width, and refurbish the grass cross runway.

2. Capital Improvements: There was a discussion regarding the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process, and how proposed projects had to be put into the Airport CIP, then into the City of Colville CIP, then into the WSDOT/SCIP before any state funding could be secured. Dave explained WSDOT's biennial funding process, of requesting proposed new projects in the spring of one year and, if approved, the funds are made available at the end of the following year. He also mentioned that Colville Airport was no longer eligible for Federal funding. The tie-down area paving suggestion discussed at the August Board meeting and the realigning of the grass cross runway were again considered during this discussion. Drew suggested that the Board could give Dave some assistance in preparing any new project proposals in the future. No decisions were made at this time regarding new capital improvement projects due to local budgetary constraints.

New Business:

1. The new grass runway alignment has been cut and cleared by volunteers. It will allow aircraft using this runway to avoid flying over a Dominion Meadows tee and the Vaagen Park youth athletic fields, as well as provide an enhancement to the recently initiated Fly-In Golf program.
  
2. The pavement maintenance project has been completed. In addition the back taxiway, which was not a part of the WSDOT grant due to it's current poor condition, was slurry sealed while the airport was closed, at W.P.A. expense. Dave, as President of our W.P.A. chapter, intends to request that City Council consider sharing that cost (\$1691).
  
3. Dave explained the details of the fuel tank requiring cleaning of foreign objects after 14 years of use. The tank is currently low and ready for refilling. He explained the two methods of cleaning and the three bids from fully qualified companies. After a thorough discussion, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the filtration method of cleaning the fuel tank and the company from Spokane which our manager recommended. This firm specializes in filtration fuel tank cleaning, offered the lowest price, and was able to complete the work in a timely fashion so that the airport could continue fuel sales without interruption.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

Submitted by Gary Brooks