

City of Colville

Airport Board Meeting

5 September 2018

Board members present: Jon Bateman, Bud Budinger, Steve Pietroburgo, Derrol Sater, Jerry Sater, Airport Manager Dave Garringer

City Council present: Nancy Foll

Public: Josef Sinka, George Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Derrol Sater

The chair announced the agenda:

1. Underground Storage Tank at Lynds Hangar
2. AWOS
3. Hangar Lease, Fees and associated rules and covenants
4. Board meeting schedule
5. Board Vacancies

Budget Report:

There was no budget report. Dave has e-mailed budget status sheets to Board members.

Old Business:

1. ***Underground Storage Tank*** The Board took up discussion of this issue and is informed that the tank in question does not conform to Washington Department of Ecology standards. The Board discussed the merits of rehabilitating the tank and incorporating it into a plan for expanding fuel service at Colville to include Jet A fuel. In general, and recognizing that it is not known what measures must be taken to abandon the tank, the consensus is that this tank is not a sound investment for the City. Bud Budinger moved the Board recommend that the tank be abandoned as far as future utilization is concerned. Motion second by Jon Bateman and passed by a vote.
2. ***AWOS¹*** The Board discussed at great length the expenditure of \$6400 for obtaining a site survey and updated assessment of refurbishment necessary to put the AWOS into operation. Our current estimate for refurbishment, made in 2015, is \$78,000. The primary concern centered on whether or not participating entities, which potentially include the City, Stevens County, Mt. Carmel Hospital and Lifelight are committed to the extent necessary in justifying the expense. Jon Bateman suggested we write a letter to all entities requesting a non-binding commitment to refurbishment and maintenance costs based on current information and the Board unanimously

¹ Automated Weather Observing System. An AWOS can provide pilots with up-to-the-minute information on local weather conditions including wind, sky condition and visibility.

agreed to this as well as moving ahead with the site survey and the updated assessment of the equipment. Jerry Sater agreed to drafting such a letter on behalf of the Board.

- 3. *Hangar Leases, Regulations and Covenants*** The Board revisited this issue, which it also discussed in the June meeting. After additional discussion, the Board's unanimous recommendation remains that storage of an aircraft within a hangar constitutes using the hangar "primarily for the storage of aircraft". It is also the Board's unanimous recommendation that storage of additional personal property items should not be subject to additional fees.

New Business:

- 1. *Board Vacancies*** Derrol announced that Gary Gibson has moved away, leaving the Board with only 5 members. George Thomas stated that he would be willing to apply for a position on the Board.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Pietroburgo, Secretary