

Airport Committee Minutes

Date: August 26, 2019

In Attendance:

Jim Bain John Freeburg Dale Cruson Shawn Coleman
Jerry Trolard Alternate – Open

Ex Official Members: Norm Crume

Airport Manager: Dan Beaubien

FBO: Tom Frazier

Engineering: Toby Epler

Community Economic Development Director: Dan Cummings

TVCC Representative: Ron Hanks (absent)

Public: Pete Morgan, Peter Benjamin, Brian Rindlisbacher, Mike Spelman

A quorum was established

Jim Bain opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

The agenda was delivered prior to the meeting, airport maintenance was added. John Freeburg moved to accept, Shawn Coleman seconded and it was approved as amended.

There were no minutes.

Old Business:

During last week's work session the Ontario City Council approved replacing Amanda Vansickle with Jerry Trolard. Applications for an alternate member will be accepted by Tori Barnett, city recorder.

New Business:

1. Life Flight proposal: Peter Benjamin asked the airport advisory committee's opinion about an all weather road to the Life Flight heli-pad. It would increase safety and shorten response time for EMT and ambulances. The road would be about 100 yards long, a single lane wide and go through an existing gate. The advisory committee recommended to Peter that he work with Joe Williams his lessor and arrive at some firm costs and check on the septic field location. It was also suggested that Joe and Life-Flight should put a parking plan

together and submit it to the City of Ontario. At this time Joe is on 3 lots and the boundaries need to be adjusted.

2. Hangar Use and FAA requirements: Dan said hangar inspections are required by FAA and he is not having a lot of participation as it is new this year and the owners need to become used to the inspection as an annual event.
3. Temporary Lease Extension: Jim Bain said he would like to put some permanent improvements in the ground. The future location for agricultural applicators has been changed and he needs direction for a more permanent location on the field and a longer lease agreement. The advisory committee recommends a 20 year renewable lease be proposed for new commercial land leases with improvements to promote future development. Three members voted for it and Jim abstained.
4. Management vs. Maintenance: Dan Beaubien said the FAA guideline recommends the airport authority needs to establish a sufficient work force to meet the needs of the airport. With his 70% employee time split between management and maintenance neither gets adequate attention. Dan would like to see a subcommittee to look into future sources of revenue to be used for airport staff. Norm Crume suggested the city open a discussion with the county commissioner about the benefits the county receives from the Ontario Airport. Many years of taxes have been levied on the airport with little direct benefits from the county.
5. Airport Maintenance: Jim Bain said the weeds are becoming a safety item as lights are being obscured and the north VASI has been out of service. Dan said he replaced the only VASI light bulb that was burned out and then two others burned out. This is not unusual. The additional light bulbs have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive. Pete Morgan thought the weeds should be a higher priority than they are now.

Reports:

FBO:

The leased BLM fire fighting airplanes are bringing in their own fuel to many of the local airports. A meeting was held at Twin Falls and the original purpose of the SEAT program was discussed with state and local representatives. The BLM

cannot have the refueling around their area because of liability. The city is assuming that liability if they allow this to continue.

Tom said that TVCC is expecting a busy fall term at the airport and needs the water, sewer, and internet as soon as possible. Adam said he is taking the internet proposal to the city council this September. The provider is ready to move on it. The water and sewer will take longer.

Tom mentioned that he seems to be the only business paying for parking places.

It was discussed what could be done about the semi trucks parked along the road leading to the airport. They are doing maintenance and partially blocking the access road as well as becoming a safety hazard. Adam said they can ticket the offending trucks and trailers if there are complaints to the City.

The last item is the FAA is strongly recommending airports have a minimum standard document.

TVCC: Dan reported that Ron Hanks stepped down from the director's job. Ron will continue with flight instructing.

Engineering: Toby is progressing on the design of a taxiway and a runway 33 hold apron. The FAA Proposed Capitol Improvement Program report is due soon and Toby would like to add a seal coat project onto the list. The State of Oregon has been trying to find the funding to do this for 7 years or so and hasn't found the funds yet. The asphalt is 8 years old and it is becoming critical to get the cracks sealed. It may push the rest of our projects out a year but Adam said to see if it can be add to a year with no current projects. Toby said it has to be funded with the right kind of funds and that may affect the timing.

Airport Manager: Dan Beaubien said the fence is fixed at the south end approach. The salvaged aircraft has been removed from the airfield and that this Wednesday night he is meeting with a group of young men from Fruitland through the Just Serve Program to clean weeds.

Adjourned at 8:30
Respectfully Submitted

Dale Cruson