

April 19, 2012
2:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Airport Committee met on the above date in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Jim Churchwell, Jim Hawley, Ralph Busby, and Doug Nebert. Also in attendance were Council Liaison Jeff Bertuleit, Mayor Mark McConnell, Airport Director Gene Cossey, Airport Operations Worker, Lance Vanderbeck, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 15, 2012

MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Churchwell, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

GRANT UPDATE - AIP/CONNECTOREGON IV

Cossey reported that there have not been many changes since the last meeting. He noted that the CWACT will meet next week to rank the ConnectOregonIV applications. Once this is complete, the recommendations will go to the Super ACT, and then forwarded to the state for evaluation. A statewide committee will ultimately make recommendations.

Cossey reported that he took Ted Jones, the Public Works Department Senior Project Manager, to Seattle last week to meet with FAA representatives. Jones will be managing the airport projects. Cossey noted that this trip produced good connections. He added that the grant match monies are within reach.

Busby asked for a timeline for the project completion. The issue of runway closure, during the project, was discussed, and Cossey noted that the phasing will be determined during the design process. A discussion ensued regarding contractors, and Cossey noted that the project will have to be bid.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cossey reported that a good meeting was held with representatives from the Tillamook Air Museum. McConnell noted that the city is doing everything it can to get the museum to move to Newport.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

A discussion ensued regarding non-aeronautical businesses operating "in the fence." Cossey noted that the property west of the FBO could be used for non-aeronautical businesses because there is a buffer between that property and the airfield. Bertuleit asked whether an aquatic park could be built at the airport.

It was reported that Ken Dennis had appreciated the conversation he had regarding bike paths at the airport.

McConnell reported that he will be working on a proclamation regarding general aviation month.

Bertuleit noted that youth need to have an elevated awareness of general aviation. A discussion ensued regarding establishing a youth aviation club. Cossey noted that people with aircraft should make them available. Aircraft cost sharing possibilities were discussed. McConnell suggested an aviation club be established at the high school, or a general aviation class, or workshop, at OCCC. Cossey reported that the airport could help with fuel prices for aviation clubs via the prepaid discounts. Vanderbeck reported that the Siletz Elementary School has taken children on a field trip to the airport during which the children were allowed to get into a SeaPort Caravan. It was noted that it would be interesting to have more aircraft or air related vehicles, including the Coast Guard helicopter, AARF truck, and have local pilots bring their aircraft. McConnell suggested an open house with aircraft once a month. Vanderbeck noted that Skunk Works would like to test its aircraft at ONP. McConnell noted that an airport field trip packet could be developed and sent to the schools. Cossey noted that community volunteers are needed for these types of events. Bertuleit suggested a poker run fly-in, and Vanderbeck reported that the Waldport Airport would be interested in participating.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 P.M.