

March 15, 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, Mark Watkins, and Doug Nebert. Also in attendance were Council Liaison Jeff Bertuleit, Airport Director Gene Cossey, City Manager Jim Voetberg, and Executive Assistant Nicole Clark.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

MOTION was made by Hawley, seconded by Nebert, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2012 meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

### **GRANT UPDATE - AIP/CONNECTOREGON IV**

Cossey reported that ConnectOregon is allowing him to have a pre-design/pre-engineering study done on the project to provide better cost figures on the project. This will help to keep the overhead down, and help with the project phasing. Cossey reported that the Connect Oregon review of the project will be next week, and will be followed by the Regional ACT Review Board presentation. The project is currently ranked sixth out of 28 applications. The presentations can help the current ranking. After the presentations, the applications will be forwarded to the Statewide Transportation Committee for final ranking. The committee offered a few suggestions as key points for the presentations.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Watkins expressed concerns over anchor bolts on the beacon not being properly covered beginning to rust. He made some suggestions regarding how to fix this situation. Cossey said he would have an engineer take a look at a solution. Watkins also expressed concerns over the fill that was transferred to the airport not being compacted. Voetberg stated that there is still value in the fill being there and it will make it more appealing for building in the future.

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Cossey reported that there was a small fire in an electrical outlet at the FBO. It was quickly extinguished by staff member, Lance Vanderbeck. An electrician re-wired the outlet and replaced the breaker. He also reported that during the last storm there was four inches of snow on the runway so he made the decision to close the airport in accordance with federal regulations. He issued all the proper notices and the closure only lasted from 8:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. the next day. Cossey also reported on water usage issues at the airport and that a large leak has been discovered. The leak has

prompted Cossey to look into getting each hangar its own meter. When additional information is available, he will bring it back to the committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.