

May 19, 2011  
2:00 P.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Airport Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Jim Churchwell, Curt Fewkes, and Jim Hawley. Also in attendance were Mayor Mark McConnell, Council Liaison Jeff Bertuleit, Airport Director Gene Cossey, City Recorder/Special Projects Director Peggy Hawker, City Councilors Dick Beemer and Dean Sawyer (arrived late), Jim Stinson, Ron Goulet, and Larry Johnson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 19, 2011**

MOTION was made by Churchwell, seconded by Fewkes, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2011, as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

### **AIP PROJECT STATUS**

Cossey reported that the AIP project status has not changed since his last report and is essentially complete. He noted that he is continuing to work with the FAA to get the project retainage released to E2 Electric, but that there is an ongoing issue with the radio. He noted that the signage and beacon look great and are in good condition.

### **FLYONP MARKETING CAMPAIGN REVIEW**

Cossey reported that the FLYONP marketing campaign is going well. He noted that he had used some of the marketing monies last weekend. He stated that there is money left in the budget and he expects to conduct concerted marketing before the summer travel season begins. Bertuleit asked whether a sign could be installed that would read "Flights to Portland." It was noted that a similar sign exists, and Cossey will attempt to have it illuminated. Cossey reported that SeaPort averaged 5.5 passengers per flight in April, and that these numbers need to continue to sustain the service. McConnell noted that he is working on lodging for the pilots in exchange for tickets on SeaPort Air.

### **STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION TO RENAME A PORTION OF SE 84<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

McConnell reported that the issue was tabled by the City Council for addition input from the Airport Committee. On another topic, Ron Goulet stated that it is difficult to see the self-serve tank, and offered assistance and labor to rectify the problem. Goulet stated that he was opposed to renaming a portion of SE 84<sup>th</sup> Street in honor of C.N. Winningstad; and asked what Winningstad had done to deserve this honor. Jim Stinson expressed opposition to the renaming, and stated that Winningstad did not support the local pilots. Larry Johnson stated that he was opposed to renaming the street in honor of Winningstad, and suggested naming the street in honor of someone the pilots liked such as Roy Britton. McConnell clarified that the City Council was acting on a recommendation from the public. Sawyer stated that all Winningstad did was build a

hangar and run a business, and that it would be more appropriate to name an arts project or facility in honor of him. Beemer stated that he was in attendance as a pilot and that he agreed with the previous statements. He urged the Committee to send a recommendation of opposition to the naming to the City Council. Hawley stated that he had received telephone calls containing information that he had previously been unaware of regarding the renaming. MOTION was made by Fewkes, seconded by Churchwell, to withdraw support of the renaming of a portion of SE 84<sup>th</sup> Street, and refer the matter back to the City Council. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. McConnell noted that Mombetsu Park will be renovated, and it may be more appropriate to honor Winningstad at this facility.

### **PART 139 CERTIFICATION UPDATE**

Cossey reported that the last inspection occurred on April 29. He noted that last year, there were lots of negative reports and recommended corrections with the inspection. He stated that this year, there were only three minor issues and two corrections that were made the day of inspection. He stated that he will continue to improve the training, and stated that overall, there has been significant improvement.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Cossey reported that the FBO is over in appropriations due to fuel purchase estimates, but that that fund will not be losing money beyond the transfers. He reported that 6,091 gallons of Jet A were sold in April along with 1,241 gallons of Avgas. He noted that there were 4,000 more gallons sold this April than last April. He reported that a fuel card is available to anyone and it carries a discount of ten percent off the self-serve price so that is similar to valley prices.

Bertuleit asked whether there was additional information on the water and sewer utility extensions to the airport. Cossey reported that he is waiting for a response from a potential developer at the airport. But he cautioned that just because the utilities are expanded, it does not mean automatic interest by developers.

McConnell asked that the newly-adopted City Council Goals be sent to all committees and placed on the website.

Sawyer stated that the barbecue and helicopter fly-in last weekend was successful, and he expressed appreciation for Cossey's work on this. He noted that he would like to see more airport activities this summer. McConnell noted that the additional airport activities need to be volunteer based.

It was asked whether the airport had received a new courtesy car, and Cossey reported that the airport is on the list to receive another courtesy car.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.