



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

**AGENDA
AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
March 10th, 2011 - 3:00 p.m.
Kelso City Hall
203 South Pacific, Kelso, WA 98626**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of February 10th, 2011
3. Acknowledgment of Vouchers
4. Public Comments
5. FBO Report
 - a. Board questions
6. Airport Manager Report
 - a. Written Report
7. Public Works Director Report
 - a. Written Report
8. Adjournment - Next meeting date April 14th, 2011 at Kelso Aviation



Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday February 10, 2011
Kelso City Council Chambers
203 South Pacific Kelso WA 98626

Those present were as follows:

Airport Board:

Darold Dietz, Port of Longview
Jerry Sorrell, Cowlitz County
David Futcher, City of Kelso

Staff:

David Sypher, Public Works Director
Becky Hill, Department Assistant
Denny Richards, City Manager

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Darold Dietz.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** January 13, 2011 – Motion made by Board Member Futcher, motion second by Board Member Sorrell, motion passed.
3. **Acknowledgment of Vouchers** – December 2010 and January 2011- Motion made by Board Member Futcher, seconded by Board Member Sorrell, motion passed.
4. **Public Comments** –Fred Van Hoosen-2545 Cascade Way, Longview: Geese are becoming a real problem. This is the biggest flock he has seen in his 50 years of flying. Something needs to be done and soon to prevent an accident from a bird strike. I had an issue recently where they were just sitting between the runway and the taxiway and the ground was just solid black.

Denny Wise: Just a few comments. Briefed the board last month on Mr. VanHoosen's incident and we have similar things happening like this almost daily, he makes his minimum two runs of hazing- one in the morning and one in the afternoon. He would also like to remind the board that a few years ago, this board approved \$5,000 for a USDA Wildlife Management Plan for the airport and within that plan are ideas to try to mitigate those hazards. In general, you can harass, you can perform predation, which the USDA can issue licenses year round for predation at airports to people who are qualified and certified to do this. Board Member Futcher mentioned one of the comments last time was that we can't do anything environmental until we have the impact assessment completed.

Denny Richards stated that some golf courses have used dogs to chase the birds off in the early mornings. Not sure if airports have tried this but it does work.

David Sypher: We have a lot of good ideas in our Wildlife Management Plan. One of the things that the mayor pointed out is the construction projects that will help cure some of these issues. That is going to be a matter of time as we have to get the EAA reports and items completed first. We have a Predation Permit and the reason it is not being used as Denny Wise pointed out is you have to be properly trained. The staffing and training issue is what we are waiting for with the governance plan that is currently under review. We are trying to get everything in place so that as soon as we get the go ahead we can proceed with the necessary projects.

Chairman Dietz: He knows a gentleman who hunts on his property and contracts with the state of Washington and he is Washington State certified and has been trained by the state and travels all over taking care of these types of problems.

David Sypher: If he can provide his certification to us, we can add him to the list of 5 or 6 people that we already have who are registered with the state, we have not implemented the training therefore we cannot start them, but if your contact has received the training and can prove his training and wants to volunteer that would be great.

5. **FBO Written Report** – Winter months, business slow along with the bad weather. If the weather is good we have planes flying out of the airport, in fact we had a business plane land this morning for a passenger to Ridgefield and a Turbo-prop is due in at 4:30. On the maintenance side they are staying afloat just waiting for the early spring to arrive.

David Sypher: Asked Denny Wise if the Department of Wildlife got in contact with him about their elk count? Denny stated he got the same email that David got and that it is not really for Department. of Wildlife but from NW Helicopters. I do not have a problem with them as long as they co-ordinate their operations with him. He feels that they need to be made aware of the fees for fuel flow and ramp tie-down fees.

6. **Airport Manager Report** –We have already addressed the geese situation (see Public Comments). One of the fuel tanks failed and the city is coordinating that for repairs. We had one NOTAM for Burlington Northern so they could take and use a crane to remove some pipe that had fallen off of a train.

7. **Public Works Director Report-** David advised the board that the Kelso City Council adopted the Master plan and we are eagerly awaiting the new governance system whomever that may be to adopt the plan as well. We were going to wait for the governance plan to adopt the Master Plan but we had some grant money that was in jeopardy, so we needed to have the plan adopted. We are moving forward with getting the consultant on board for the environmental work as was discussed earlier.

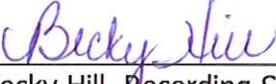
The board had questions about the governance and where we are with that because at the last meeting the hang up was with the attorneys. David Sypher informed the board that the attorneys are all done and have scheduled a meeting for March 1st with the City Managers to discuss the plan.

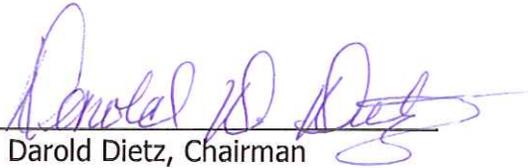
Board member Sorrell ask if there was anything in writing about FAA concerns and comments about using the Pullman-Moscow airport model? He stated he was just a little curious as to what was discussed as he worked on the Master Plan. Jerry was told that the information would probably be given at the meeting with the attorney group. David Sypher advised that the attorney group was working directly with FAA.

City Manager Richards gave the airport board an update on the governance. We are now waiting on FAA as they were unhappy with the Pullman-Moscow model had a little glitch and now FAA has ask them to fix the problem and we will be moving ahead when that is done.

More comments were given by Mr. VanHoosen about the haste to get something done with the geese problems. Jerry Sorrell also gave a comment about the mess of geese droppings that are on the runways. Denny Wise also said he would call FAA as a business owner to advise them of the need for some sort of measures and what can be done before the environmental plan is in place.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm.


Becky Hill, Recording Secretary


Darold Dietz, Chairman