

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT 2222 S. PACIFIC AVE KELSO, WA 98626 PHONE: (360) 261-8268

Airport Operating Board Meeting Minutes March 21, 2024 @ 3:00 pm

Chairman: Call to Order by B. Wood at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance:

B. Wood, A. Mortensen, A. Erickson, E. Halvorson in for K. Young.

Approve Meeting Minutes (action)

A. Erickson moved to approve the February meeting minutes. E. Halvorson seconded the motion. All voted yes; motion passes.

Treasurer Report for February:

Operating Revenue:	\$456,122	
Total Expenses:	\$44,203	
Operating Expenses:	\$44,203	
Capital Expenses:	\$0	
Total Cash:	\$735,026	Unrestricted: \$735,026

March General Claims (action)

E. Halvorson moved to approve the amended March General Claims. A. Erickson seconded the motion. All voted yes; motion passes.

Presentation

Hazel St. Bridge Project Status Update

Citizens Business

None

Hangar/Building Occupancy Report (update)

100% occupancy. 51 names on the list. 30 of those are for aviation use.

Airport Manager's Report

Will be bringing a Task Order Amendment for Century West at the next board meeting. All expense changes have been reviewed and are justifiable.

Fuel Tanks should be up and running at the end of May.

Thank you to the Board, Cascade Air, and other folks associated with operations for your assistance in helping the manager to help this airport thrive into what you see today. It's been a priveledge working with all of you.

Transition Planning –

Chief Darr Kirk will be taking over on an interim basis as the airport manager until the position is filled. Applications have been received and interviews will be conducted soon.

Cascade Air will be taking care of some of the day to day actual airport facility duties in regards to the runway.

Runway Reconstruction Project Update -

New NIMFS environmental requirements protecting fish and their waterways may force this project to be put on hold indefinitely. New reviews could take 18 months to 2 years at least due to lack of FAA staff and this new requirement. There's a potential to change the project we have now to JUST a lighting system upgrade but have not received a yes or no from FAA on whether or not that will be possible and/or a good use of resources. No decisions are being made on this today.

Airport Board Member Reports

- B. Wood None
- E. Halvorson in for K. Young None
- A. Mortensen None

A. Erickson – Senator Cantwell is big supporter of this airport so it would do us well to keep that in mind when it comes to asking for assistance.

Review of any follow-up items identified in today's meeting.

D. Kirk to try to set up a meeting w/Mary Vargas at FAA to discuss options re: airport runway reconstruction project.

Adjourn Board Meeting

Board chairman: Wrap up at 4:32 p.m. and announce next board meeting date (April 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.).