



SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT
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Airport Operating Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

Chairman: Call to Order by Chris Bryant in for Keith Young at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance:

Chris Bryant for Keith Young, Mike Karnofski for Brian Wood, and Steve Rader. Allan Erickson was absent.

Approve Meeting Minutes (action)

S. Rader moved to approve the **August** meeting minutes. M. Karnofski seconded the motion. All voted yes; motion passes.

Treasurer Report for August:

Operating Revenue:	\$151,490	
Total Expenses:	\$428,637	
Operating Expenses:	\$212,503	
Capital Expenses:	\$216,134	
Total Cash:	\$1,131,874	Unrestricted: \$1,131,874

August General Claims (action)

M. Karnofski moved to approve the **August** General Claims. S. Rader seconded the motion. All voted yes; motion passes.

Citizens Business

N/A.

Hangar/Building Occupancy Report (update)

100% occupancy. 50 names on the list. 35 of those are for aviation use.

Airport Manager's Report

Projects:

Runway/Lighting – The Airport/City received the \$4mil grant documents from FAA which were signed and returned on Tuesday, September 15th.

Hangar Construction -

NW Corner – Door install I/P. The invoice for materials and the demolition of the old hangars will be arriving next month. Fencing is scheduled to be installed the week of October 6th.

G-1 – 95% complete.

General Updates

2027 Draft Budget:

Was presented to and approved by the City of Kelso on September 1st.



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Unique Tin

The event took place on August 22nd with no incidents. 300-400 cars were originally expected for the event; nearly 700 actually appeared. C. Stommel is met with the Club on Tuesday, Sept. 15th to go over way to improve/correct issues that arose during the event. i.e. not enough restrooms or food vendors, parking became an issue, and the underestimation of the number of cars participating.

Even with those concerns/issues, the overall response for the event was positive and has begun generating even more interest in the airport and potential events that could be held here.

Public Works Vehicles

Kelso Public Works is temporarily storing their wheeled vehicles in row E while their yard is being regraded and paved.

In exchange for the storing, once the hangar in the NW corner is complete, Public Works will remove the dirt covering the underground tanks that were found so further exploration can be done to determine next steps.

Maintenance

Tractor - Due to some bad fuel, the tank on the tractor needed to be drained and fuel system flushed before refueling with diesel. Pape' Machinery assisted in this maintenance.

Truck – After the car show event, the radio would not turn off even though the engine was off and the door had been opened. This caused the battery to die. Following attempts to recharge the battery to no avail, the truck was towed to Bud Clary for testing. A new battery was obtained at no cost.

Hangars D/F:

Jeff Powell, owner of the Prime Aviation hangars has asked about selling his hangars to the airport. His land lease expires in June of 2038. He does have the option of extending for another 10-year period. Asking price is \$1.6mil.

Airport Board Member Reports

M. Karnofski for B. Wood – None

C. Bryant for K. Young – Happy to get to be here today to learn more about the airport operations.

S. Rader – The discussion as to whether or not they would continue to support the airport financially has been taken off the table in budget discussions – will continue to support the airport.

A. Erickson – N/A

Adjourn Board Meeting

Board chairman: Wrap up at 3:57 p.m. and announce next board meeting date (**October 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.**).