

CITY of COLVILLE
AIRPORT BOARD MEETING
August 19, 2010

Attending: Airport Board: Jeff Harshman, Bill Thompson, Harley Howell, Steve Pietroburgo and Airport Manager Dave Garringer. City Council Liaison: Doug Kyle

Meeting called to Order at 6:05 pm

The minutes of 4/28/2010 were tabled.

Old Business:

1. *Airport Relocation.* Jeff briefed the board on the status of this issue. The economic impact study is moving forward; City Council approved the expenditure of grant funds for the study. No airport business is on the upcoming City Council agenda. The next big step is a Council vote on proceeding with a site selection process and the hiring of a consultant to manage it. Estimated cost for this is \$150,000. The FAA would fund 95% with the remainder split between the State and Colville. Jeff recommended to the Mayor that Brent Rasmussen be appointed “point man” for disseminating information about this project. Jeff asked the Board for consensus on his role in communications with the City Council regarding the airport issue. The Board expressed support for the Chair’s continued efforts to correct mis-information and provide salient advice to the Council.

New Business:

1. *Hangar Leases.* Jeff is initiating discussion with the city administration and the airport manager on pricing for hangar leases to insure the airport is not operating in the red. Harley mentioned that hangar owners may need to begin leasing the property around their buildings rather than just the building footprint. The Board will gather some example leases to aid in the discussion. In addition to examining the fees, the Board will also study the lease language itself.
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2. *Airport Maintenance.* The Washington Pilots Association has contributed a considerable amount to airport maintenance this year. This has helped to offset the lack of investment while the City considers relocation.

Airport Manager Report:

Dave has pretty well completed work on additional signage, pavement re-marking, vehicle lighting and portable radio acquisition, funded by a \$2500 grant from the State of Washington for runway safety. The WPA provided some matching funds. We received a new load of fuel recently and the price is down a bit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Pietroburgo, Secretary

