

Creswell Airport Commission Minutes
City of Creswell
August 19, 2008

Commission Members Present

Larry Lowenkron	Chairperson (Airport User)
Bill McCoy	City Council Representative
Mark Stroble	(Citizen at Large)
Jerry Norcia	Airport User

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shelley Humble	City of Creswell Airport Manager
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Commission Members Absent

Gary Ludeke	City Planning Commission Representative
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Others Present

Press – 1
Audience – 9

I. Minutes

Mr. Ed Weeks made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 29, 2008 as corrected (correcting Way Point name to VPORO and correcting the spelling of Manager in III.B). This motion was seconded by Mark Stroble and unanimously carried.

II. Comments from Airport Commission, Airport Manager and City Administrator

Mr. Ed Weeks was welcomed to the Airport Commission.

III. Public Forum

Mr. John Stewart asked the Commissioners to speak up for those that have a hard time hearing.

VI. Old Business

A. Fire Suppression Update – Shelley Humble

The City held a preconstruction meeting with H&J Construction for the Fire Suppression water line installation. Project is estimated to start the week after Labor Day and is expected to take two weeks to complete the project.

Mr. Brian McBeth, Creswell, OR, asked if there would be any lane closures during construction. Mrs. Humble, airport manager, stated that one lane would be closed during the project, the contractor has had the traffic plan approved by ODOT, and flaggers will be in place. There should be no lengthy traffic delays.

B. AWOS – Larry Lowenkron and Ben Hallert

Mr. Ben Hallert, Springfield, OR, gave the commissioners a brief over view of the available AWOS systems (Visala, Belfort, and Super AWOS) and costs associated with them. Mr. Hallert will forward the web site addresses for the materials to the commission and will ask Super AWOS to mail copies for the commissioners.

Visala - \$15,000 - \$20,000; annually \$5,000

Belfort - \$42,000 - \$70,000 plus \$5,000 - \$10,000 for installation; annually \$5,000

Super AWOS – just under \$70,000; annually \$1,000

Mrs. Humble will speak with Dave Roberts, FAA Renton, WA, to see if AIP funding is available, any FAA regulation requirement changes that would affect any of the systems, and any issues using a laser ceilometer (advantages/disadvantages).

Mr. Hallert has volunteered to create a list of airports that have automated weather systems. The list will be posted on the bulletin board. Then any pilots wanting to fly and "try out" those systems can write feed back to the commissioners.

V. New Business

A. Through the Fence Access – Shelley Humble

The Agenda Item Summary was handed out. Shelley Humble gave a brief explanation of the information contained on this summary.

1. Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed rate for the Creswell Airport through the Fence Access.

Mr. Lowenkron read an email received from Mr. Gary Ludeke regarding the TTF access. The email is attached.

Mrs. Shelley Humble handed out the following documentation:

- A letter from Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Norcia
- An electronic letter from Ms. Dorothy Schick, Takewing, Inc. – the Commissioners were also forwarded this information via email.
- At the request of Mark Shrives, City Administrator, a memo from Shelley Humble speaking to the questions raised in the letter from Mr. Schick.
- Final copy of TTF agreement
- Copy of FAA letter from Joelle Briggs, dated April 30, 2008.

Mr. Lowenkron, Airport Commission Chair, opened the public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed rate for the Creswell Airport through the Fence Access.

Mr. Urban Moore, 25 S. 5th Street, Creswell, OR. Basically you have two types of access to the airport. Whether there is a building on the airport or not, he [Jerry] does not have a building on the airport, he [Jerry] is not taking up space, I doubt that the airport manager has a break down of the cost to the airport by this access. Other persons that use the airport (gliders, powered parachutes) use the airport and pay nothing, people who fly into the airport pay nothing. As Ed (Weeks) touched on, you are comparing apples to oranges. I feel that if you charged 115% of the tie down space or \$23.60 per month is appropriate.

Mr. Brian McBeth, 33938 Melton Rd, Creswell, OR. Have you received my emails from the previous two weeks – please take that as receiving no information in response.

Mr. Bill Kelly, 1498 N. 8th, Springfield, OR and 83501 Melton Rd, Creswell, OR as an airport user, hangar lease owner and business owner. I pay tie down fee, hangar lease, and rent for the office every month. The access for me should be spread out equally amongst everybody. The person who built my hangar wanted to build on the airport but was not given permission. No person should be given a special deal than anyone else on the field. I am being charged to have aircraft on the field while there is no charge for parking vehicles anywhere in Creswell; either

all should be charged or no one should be charged. All the fees should be adjusted so that all fees are paid equally among all the airport users.

Mr. Ben Hallert, Springfield, OR; I currently rent a hangar on the airport. I would like to speak to a comment made in the email from Gary Ludeke. I believe that I am paying the same rate for a hangar rental as a Creswell resident. One of the proposals that I reviewed, the fee charged for the undeveloped lot rent for a hangar space, I would hope that would be the option that the commissioners would choose. I feel that the City should charge the minimum possible that meets the FAA requirement.

Mr. Don Schindler, 2344 35th Street, Springfield, OR. First, I am in favor of parity. The airport is an infrastructure that has to be supported for us to be able to use it. I could say that their fee is too low but I could also easily say that my fee is too high. I hope that an agreement could be worked out.

As there are no others wanting to speak, Mr. Lowenkron, Airport Commission Chair, closed the public Hearing.

2. Commissioner discussion and recommendation for Council.

After discussion, Airport Commissioner, Mr. Bill McCoy made a recommendation to charge \$35.00 per month based on present maintenance fees. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ed Weeks and unanimously carried. The gross maintenance fee collected yearly divided by the number of maintenance fee accounts (# of tenants paying).

B. Other

North End Airport Entrance – Bill McCoy

Mr. McCoy would like to have the fire department check the gate at the north end to ensure that they could get a fire truck through the abandoned gate. Mrs. Humble stated the active access road on the north end used currently by the farmer is north of the abandoned gate. The gate will be removed when the additional fencing is put in place.

VI. Upcoming Airport Events

Mr. Ed Weeks asked for clarification on the placement location of the Young Eagles registration desk for the upcoming Creswell Community Days. Mrs. Humble explained the revised location to the commissioners.

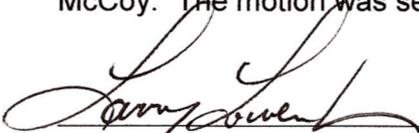
VII. Schedule Next Meeting

The next Airport Commission work session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm.

The next Airport Commission Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th, at 6:30 pm.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the commission, a motion was made by Bill McCoy. The motion was seconded by Mark Stroble, unanimously carried.



Larry Lowenkron, Chairperson

12/5/08
Date