

February 13, 2019
2:05 p.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Airport Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A at City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway.

In attendance were Committee Members Mark Watkins, Ralph Busby, Jim Shaw, Jeff Bertuleit, Terry Buggenhagen, and Susan Reese Painter. Also in attendance were Airport Director Lance Vanderbeck, Council Liaison Dietmar Goebel, and Deputy City Recorder Gloria Tucker. Absent was Committee Member Ken Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Shaw, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Rural Air Service Discussion

Vanderbeck introduced the agenda item. Bertuleit said he was pleased with the answers to the committee's questions of Boutique Air. Busby said their answers were not binding. Watkins said his concern is the dependence on subsidy. He said he didn't see a lot of commitment once the grant is gone. He added he wants specifics on what happens after the grant is gone. Watkins emphasized he doesn't want a service that is one year and then done.

Vanderbeck said he understood Watkins reservations, especially with the problems with the Seaside service. Buggenhagen said he thought Boutique is doing something right because they have several small operations across the United States, and he hasn't seen anything negative about them in the press. He said the biggest issue is providing a good business plan and good service.

Bertuleit asked if the committee felt comfortable recommending applying for the grant. Watkins said he hated to do this without commitment past a year, and he would like to talk to a person from Boutique. Buggenhagen said risk is a part of aviation business. Shaw suggested bringing in Boutique for the City Council once a grant is awarded.

MOTION was made by Painter, seconded by Buggenhagen, to recommend City Council authorize an application for a ROAR Grant with Boutique Air for rural air service. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Buggenhagen asked Vanderbeck to check on Boutique's contracts of carriage.

Goal Setting

Tucker introduced the agenda item. The committee directed Tucker to combine goals from the November 30, 2018 discussion with the current goals of the committee.

Representative for Vision 2040

Tucker introduced the agenda item.

MOTION was made by Busby, seconded by Buggenhagen, to appoint Bertuleit as a member of the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee with Watkins as an alternate. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Vanderbeck presented the Operations Report included in the Feb. 13, 2019 packet. Watkins suggested not moving forward with Hertz without back pay.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Watkins reported he will be discussing the approach apron to hangars at the airport with city administration.

Bertuleit reminded Vanderbeck to get a map of the leasable area at the airport and ask the City Manager to look into soliciting representation of a real estate agent for the airport's leasable land.

ADJOURN

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.