

March 13, 2018

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 Terry Buggenhagen, Mark Watkins, Susan Reese Painter, Ken Brown, and Ralph Busby. Also in attendance were: City Manager Spencer Nebel, Airport Director Lance Vanderbeck, Deputy City Recorder Gloria Tucker, and City Council Liaison Laura Swanson.

Absent were: Committee Members Jeff Bertuleit and Jim Shaw.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Buggenhagen, seconded by Watkins, to approve the minutes of the Feb. 14, 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Part 139 Certification

Nebel and Vanderbeck introduced the Part 139 Certification agenda item.

Nebel said he does not see a scenario where Part 139 is going to be necessary to meet the demands of the airport. For passenger air service, he said Part 139 is not needed for airplanes with nine or less seats.

Vanderbeck agreed.

Watkins said he believes it is important to make a statement for the record that if the committee does relinquish the Part 139, that in no way puts any of the safety criteria at the airport in jeopardy.

Busby added relinquishing the certificate does not mean the airport has any less chance of getting small aircraft air service.

MOTION was made by Watkins, seconded by Buggenhagen, to recommend to City Council to relinquish the Part 139 Certificate.

Painter said she believes relinquishing is the wrong message to send when the airport is going to market itself for emergency services and service to the science community. She said she believes it would be a step backwards for the airport, and the message is the airport is becoming a smaller airport with less service.

Voting aye were Busby, Watkins, Buggenhagen, and Brown. Voting no was Painter. The motion carried 4-1.

Lowering minimums for ILS landings

Vanderbeck and Busby introduced Lowering the minimums agenda item.

Busby said with the committee's support, he will find out the exact reasons for the minimums at the airport, find out if the airport can fix any issues and find out if the airport should request a waiver from the FAA. He said he would use the support of vendors at the airport to make a case for the FAA to change minimums.

MOTION was made by Painter, seconded by Watkins, to proceed with steps to request a minimums change from the FAA. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Watkins said it is important that anytime the airport does a study, especially a seismic study, that the airport stays focused on the end result. He added staffing levels at the airport might be too high during bad weather.

Busby asked about the bid opening for the gazebo at the airport.

Vanderbeck said the bid came in too high for the budget.

Swanson asked about tree removal for the Coast Guard.

Vanderbeck said the airport is waiting on ODFW to determine if the trees are viable for fish habitat rehabilitation.

Watkins said Dave Kester left notes on all the hangers that he is moving to the coast and is looking for hangar space for two airplanes. He said he wants people to know there is still high demand for hangars.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Vanderbeck read the operation report included in the March 13, 2018 packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.