



AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 21, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Santiam Room, City Hall/VIRTUAL

Approved: April 18, 2024

Call to Order

Chair Mel Huffman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Mel Huffman, Nathan Ahrens, Chuck Kratch, Gar Burroughs, and Rodney Moore

Members absent: Garry Barnes (excused), Theophilus Warren

Staff present: Transportation Manager Robb Romeo, Public Works Director Chris Bailey, and Clerk III Anita Dodd

Others present: Debbie Origer, Tony Hann, and Dan Miltenberger

Approval of February 15, 2024, Minutes

3:31 p.m.

Chuck Kratch made a motion to approve the February 15, 2024, minutes as presented. Gar Burroughs seconded the motion, and the motion passed the commission 5-0.

Staff Updates

3:32 p.m.

Public Works Director Chris Bailey presented a budget overview to the commission regarding the Albany Municipal Airport and offered possible solutions for the current fiscal path. Bailey mentioned they could hire a consultant to come in and talk with the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) to help generate public interest in the airport and advise on what investments could help increase future revenue. In response, the commission shared their thoughts and ideas.

Robb Romeo talked to the commission about the upcoming Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants that will result in the Albany Municipal Airport being closed multiple days. Romeo will notify the commission when he finds out exact dates.

FBO Updates

4:31 p.m.

Tony Hann updated the commission on what is happening at the airport and shared his ideas for improving processes and increasing revenue.

Business from the Commission

4:40 p.m.

Kratch asked if there is anything the commission can do to help at the airport. Romeo mentioned pressure washing the jets this spring would be helpful. Kratch made a motion to raise the hangar rate an additional \$20, Nathan Ahrens seconded the motion. After some discussion, Chair Huffman made a motion to table the idea and revisit the topic in the future. Ahrens seconded the motion, and the vote passed the commission 5-0.

Business from the Public

4:51 p.m.

Debbie Origer gave an update on the 1929 Hangar Project and will also make a presentation to the Albany City Council on April 8, 2024.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Huffman adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

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Anita Dodd
Clerk III

Robb Romeo
Transportation Manager

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cityclerk@albanyoregon.gov.*