



## AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION

### MINUTES

April 18, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Santiam Room, City Hall/VIRTUAL

**Approved: June 20, 2024**

#### Call to Order

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

#### Roll Call

Members present: Garry Barnes (remote), Rodney Moore, Nathan Ahrens, Gar Burroughs, Mel Huffman

Members absent: Chuck Kratch (excused), Theophilus Warren

Staff present: Transportation Manager Robb Romeo, Clerk III Anita Dodd

Others present: Tony Hann (remote), Debbie Origer, Dan Miltenberger

#### Approval of March 21, 2024, Minutes

**3:31 p.m.**

Nathan Ahrens made a motion to approve the March 21, 2024, minutes as presented. Rodney Moore seconded the motion, and the motion passed the commission 5-0.

#### Staff Updates

**3:32 p.m.**

Transportation Manager Robb Romeo gave a brief update about work being performed at the Albany Municipal Airport including the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funded airport upgrades. Romeo concluded by inviting commission members to help with spring cleaning at the airport.

#### FBO Updates

**3:36 p.m.**

Tony Hann shared the airport has hired four new flight instructors at the airport gearing up for summer season and would like to hire one more, which will help the economy for the City of Albany. Hann also stated he is working with Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) to attain a grant and is seeking the City's support.

#### Business from the Commission

**3:45 p.m.**

Moore asked the commissioners if they had thought about auto racing at the airport to bring in revenue. Chair Huffman reminded the commission he will be out of the country next month, so he asked Vice Chair Ahrens to follow up on Chuck Kratch's motion from last month to raise the hangar rate an additional \$20. Huffman believes all commissioners should discuss that information before they make any decisions.

Business from the Public

**3:48 p.m.**

In response to Moore, Debbie Origer informed the commission that the Sisters Airport had auto racing and decided not to do it again but didn't give a reason. She concluded with an update on the 1929 Hangar Project.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Huffman adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

*Signature on file*

*Signature on file*

Anita Dodd  
Clerk III

Robb Romeo  
Transportation Manager

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