

**Union County Airport Advisory Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Tracy May, Doug Wright, Kim Rainey, Corrine Dutto, Jamie Knight, Dennis Holmquist, Craig Dixon

Prior to the meeting Doug Wright emailed Agenda and Five Year Capital Improvement Projects Memorandum.

Doug started the meeting at 6:04pm by thanking everyone for being there.

Doug asked for public comment – There was no public comment.

**RUNWAY 12-30 SHOULDER REPAIR AND HANGER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:**

Tracy shared that the 12-30 funding is FAA. About 6-7 years ago, the County did the 12-30 rehab which was phase 1 and this is phase 2 to rehab the shoulders that don't meet FAA regulations because they are too steep. We are moving into design and this will bid next year with construction in 2025. This project will include tearing out the shoulders, new drainage, safety grading, and the old taxiway Delta removed.

Craig asked if this would close down the runway and the answer is yes. It will be fairly impactful.

Corrine asked what the project was going to cost and it is \$4.3 million programmed.

Tracy shared that the parallel to the project and utilizing FAA funds is to facilitate the development of new hangars. The plan is to design along with the runway project and construct on the same schedule.

Doug shared that with construction in 2025 we will have enough to obligate and with doing this together we will get better bids. The taxiway will be built to construct hangars. It is not decided how this will be set up with County and private interest. We want to make the most out of the space and what is best for all.

Craig shared that there is interest from the private in building and that he felt the first twelve spaces would be no problem to occupy. There is difficulty in T hangar rent – Can get much more for rent on the west side. Doug shared that our rates are based on State standards.

Corrine asked if they will be for private or the County – Doug shared what is best for all, to see what the real interest is, and that this has not been decided yet.

Tracy shared a PowerPoint of the footprint and taxiways with an option for a footprint of 12 hangars. This can be an easily phased project.

Craig suggested office and a bathroom because of the distance from the FBO.

Tracy shared this is the most logical place to build for the County because utilities are already there.

Doug shared that by building this it will prove to the FAA the need for expansion to the east side.

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**APRON TAXI LANE PROJECT:**

Tracy shared a PowerPoint of this paving project. Environmental and design 2026-2027 with 2028 planned construction.

It was asked if this project would realign taxi lane to the ramp. Tracy explained it would not. This is not a FAA priority.

Craig asked if there was a plan revision with first moving the DeLint Hangar. Tracy shared in the PowerPoint that you could see that this would rehab around the hangars and there would be no disturbance to the mentioned hangars.

This is a FAA pavement maintenance project. This portion has a low CPI index and is the last that needs rehab.

There was a question about while the project is happening if we could asphalt the apron and crack seal at privately owned hangars. And the answer was no because FAA funds cannot be used for privately owned hangar space.

The substandard shoulders were do to phase 1 going from a 5% match to a 10% match so the project had to be cut back and the County committed to doing this phase 2 later.

**CONNECT OREGON PROJECT – FUEL SYSTEM AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS:**

Tracy shared a PowerPoint to show the empty lots next to the fuel farm. This project will construct two aviation storage buildings north of the Forest Service building. One will be 100x100 and the other 42x60. The project is \$1.4 million that includes County match. This project will include hangars, fuel farm, and a generator.

Doug shared this is a Connect Oregon grant which is State funds (lottery money). Phase 1 will be the 100x100 to facilitate Ameriflight and transit storage, which is needed, and will have heat and drains and space next to it for equip/snow plows to get out of the weather. It will store 1900's and we will open it up to small Cessna's as well. The current County hangar will then be used for maintenance and we would really like to get a mechanic in there. This will be a space for those that need to get out of the weather and this will really help folks out. Doug shared this is really centered around hangars and getting more Jet A on the airfield and would help with the fighting for fuel issues. Ultimately would hope for 2 bulk tanks.

Corrine asked if this was in process and the answer is yes. We are in the design phase now and will construct late summer 2023. Currently working on bids for hangar kits and site development.

Craig asked what the cost estimate is. Tracy shared that getting estimates before a bid is a challenge but it is looking like \$30-40 per square foot. That is just the kit and it is 5-7 months out to be delivered.

Dennis asked who draws up the plans and Tracy shared that it is their firm Precision Approach.

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Corrine asked about solar and it just is not enough power or battery storage and there is just no room to accommodate this. We already have natural gas to the location and the generators will be fixed not portable. The rappel base currently has this and it works fine.

Craig asked if we received ARPA funds and the answer is yes and that it was allocated to projects.

Doug shared the number one goal is Jet A fuel and to keep developing.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

Still talk about self-serve and that will remain in the Master Plan and foresee that being in the picture with the east side development.

Craig appreciated the healthy mix between government, state, local, and general aviation and the County paying attention to this. He was happy about it.

Tracy shared we are very fortunate that the County does such an excellent job with CIP leveraged funds.

Anytime call Doug or Kim with questions at 541.963.1016.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm