



MANAGER REPORT 2021 OCTOBER

- I will be gone from Oct 19-22 for the Washington Small Community Airport Association Conference.
- I will be on vacation from Nov 19th – Nov 26th and will be joining in via Zoom to the next meeting from Louisiana.
- I have asked for an estimate for an Environmental review on the SE Corner. I was told that the FAA will not pay for it because we have no plans on building in that area due to the current demand to look at the West side for hangar development. Meryl from Wetland Resources will look and give me an estimate while she is here doing our 2nd year report on the current wetland mitigation program. Quote to follow soon.
- A CIP Data sheet has been submitted for approval for removal of biplane hangar along with the next 5 years of projects. This is a reimbursable project because it is in the ROFA - Runway Object Free Area, but it must go through a process approved by FAA. This will include an environmental, planning and approval of local government as well as permits. I also spoke with our insurance company about having someone come in and remove the galvanized siding panels from the hangar and the response by our insurance company was..... Thanks for your question. It makes sense to salvage some of this, right?
Cleanest way is to hire a contractor (port to contractor) to remove the fixtures. This way you will know the contractor is contracted with the Port and agrees to the Port's indemnification and insurance requirements – along with L&I coverage for their staff. Subcontractors (if any) should be also addressed in the same way. If the Port goes a different route such as the bidder removing the items, you want to go to legal to perform a legal review and draw up a release / waiver based on those conditions. Both scenarios will invite added risk, but there are ways to reduce or hedge your risk. Please let me know if there is anything specific you would like to discuss.
- I spoke to Cynthia Weed our Bond Counsel, and she said we don't have to get quotes from more than one bank. She is certain that Banner Bank will give the Port an amazing interest rate for a bridge loan until reimbursement from the FAA, and

she will verify everything to protect the Port as paperwork starts. The bank is looking for a Resolution to start the process of paperwork which will be brought up at the Oct meeting. I spoke to other airport managers, and neither have used a commercial lender for projects. They either wait for AIP funds, do an Interlocal loan, or they pay out of pocket for their projects.

- I spoke with Banner Bank for a loan for Vierthaler's property and learned that they require Bond Counsel. Banner is used to working with Cynthia Weed with KL Gates and she is also used to working with 95% of the Ports in Washington on bank loans. She is a specialized lawyer who does all the paperwork and talks with SJC Auditors as well. Their rate is rolled into the loan and is part of the transaction fee. This loan will help the Port bridge the time until FAA reimbursement.
- Last week I heard from the FAA that the Port is not done with all the requirements for sell land to the ESWD. I am pending a call from Mandi with FAA after she speaks with the Planning and Environmental Dept. Mandi said that it needs an environmental and then a 30-day notice for all FAA land sales. ESWD has already paid to have an environmental and are willing to share, but I have not hear back if that is good enough for the FAA after I emailed it to Mandi.
- I've mailed a letter to the presidents of our hangar associations at the airport about coming to a consensus on an appraiser for the 10-year review of the land lease rates. Gil Blinn does not know of anyone other than my suggestion of Fred Strickland LLC. I'm waiting to hear from Steve Davis with the Condo Association.
- I spoke with a few pilots with Angel Flight West last week who stated they have pilots ready willing and able to pick people up and fly them off island to a doctor appointment. They also have volunteers that will drive patients from the airport to their doctor's office. Because the WSDOT ferry has recently changed to 3 boats instead of 4 boats sailings to Orcas, this may make it tough for some. Orcas also has our wonderful team of Mercy Flight program. If anyone is in need, they can make requests online at www.angelflightwest.org or start with Mercy Flights.
- Holly Stafford said we can sell fuel at COST to the Mercy Flight program which was requested. The program is low on funds for fuel and many pilots pay for the fuel on their own to take patients off island for doctor appointments.
- The food drive is going good with 235 lbs collected so far. Donations will continue to be accepted at the terminal through November 19th. All donations will go to Orcas Island Food Bank.

- The Port has been asked to participate in a mini-internship with a Salmonberry School 7th grade student who is very interested in aviation. Luke is the young man that will be working with me for a few hours weekly starting on 10/18/21. He and his family are excited for the opportunity as much as I am, to see a passion for aviation in young students.
- 9-28-21 I spoke to Terry at the Parks Department to ask about the lean-to structure in the SE corner of the airport that needs to be moved or put out a request for removal. She stated they are working on getting a committee board together to continue the dog park instead of the Parks Department handling it. They are trying to get back the 501c status the old board had. They want the new board to be able to move the structure off Port property. 10/18/21 I spoke to Terry who said it is still on her top items to do but there meeting was taken over by other items this month. I will follow up again before the next Port meeting in November. We will need a waiver to protect the Port before the building is removed so that liability is removed from the Port.

CARES REIMBURSEMENTS TO DATE (Expires 6-19-2024)

GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED \$1,041,561.00

\$206,038.56-Completed

\$52,722.10 Q1 2021 -Completed

\$175,245.60 Q2 2021 Completed (INCLUDED 3 ORDERS OF FUEL)

Remaining balance \$607,504.74

ACRGP-CRRAA REIMBURSEMENT (Expires 4-27-2025)

GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED FOR \$13,000 (This grant can be used for any expenses like CARES)

\$4240.76 Completed

Remaining Balance \$ 8759.24

ARPA REIMBURSEMENT (Expires 6-29-2025)

GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED FOR \$32,000

Remaining Balance \$32,000

FACILITY REPORT

- The lightweight fuel hose has been installed at the fuel pump.

PAPI DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AND MOS

- Update from WHPacific during October meeting. John Shute to join in.

WETLAND MITIGATION

- Meryl with Wetland Resources will be conducted her 2nd annual inspection. She stated that we are at 90% survival rate so we will not need to plant more trees at this time. Squalicum Mtn Ecological Restoration has completed the yearly maintenance last week. He will be back in the Spring of 2022.
- Due to new information, the remaining years of our wetland mitigation program grant ending, the Port will need to pay for the remaining 6 years out of pocket. The quote from Wetland Resources the next 6 years is \$36K for Ecologist services. Roughly \$6K a year. These is a quote only that may change depending on what happens to the plants. I still need a quote from Squalicum Mtn Services after we have a better idea of what maintenance may be needed such as watering and adding mulch possibly. Meryl will give me a list to have quoted.

