# KITTITAS COUNTY AIRPORT STUDY SESSION MINUTES BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG Regular Meeting

**MONDAY** 11:00 AM May 8, 2023

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice Char Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner Brett Wachsmith

Others: Steve Dupont

#### **CWU Lease**

Director Ohl informed the commissioners that he has met with Darwin Triggs of CWU and central is interested in purchasing the hangar that they are renting out. Steve Dupont of CWU explained that while CWU is interested in purchasing the current hangar, they are still looking to build a brand-new lot on the leased land on the west end. By building the new hangar, they would use the current one to develop a maintenance program.

After hearing what CWU would like to do, the commissioners approved the possibility of CWU buying the current hangar they are renting and to start working on the appraisal.

### LKQ Development Opportunity

Director Ohl was approached by a processing facility that would want 150-175 acres. They would bring in broken cars and trucks that would surround the building and utilize them for old parts.

The commissioners decided that this business does not fit with the vision of the Bowers Business Park and will pass on the opportunity.

### **Instrument Approach Procedure**

Director Ohl has started to look at Instrument Approaches and lowering the approach. Director Ohl discussed the best option to the commissioners which would be to let the FAA develop the procedure. This would take two years and there is minimal to no cost involved with the FAA.

The commissioners remanded this back to Director Ohl to get more information before making a final decision.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The FAA ADO was out on the airfield to take a look and were impressed with all of the improvements at Bowers Field. They thanked Director Ohl for putting their money to good use and to continue the good work.

- For the Miller Building, the only permit the National Guard can get is the roof and siding. The parking lot will be a continued project for next year.
- JUB is working with an economist to develop a plan for the business park to make the best decision.

# **Citizens Comments:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am

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Cory Wright, Chairman