

Kelso Aviation Airport Management Monthly Report

January 2010

Preface: This report will evolve over time. In general it will report on the Airport status, Rental Hanger status, Current issues, and Future issues. Any feedback will be appreciated.

Airport Status: The airport is in overall good shape. Included in this report are the attached inspection logs that detail our observations, actions and findings. I will highlight a few of them.

- a. Bird hazing/inspection have been accomplished twice a day. Small birds and very large flocks of geese continue to persist. These are daily sightings. They concentrate mainly in the most hazardous areas of the runway (approach and departure ends). This is due to ponding water at these locations. I would highly recommend that options from the USDA Wildlife Management Plan be presented to the Airport Board for budget prioritization and implementation. In addition to the geese, some seagulls have also been observed. No mammals were spotted this month. We will continue the hazing procedures.
- b. The construction of the second row of T-Hangars is going to resume.
- c. The fuel system received the annual inspection. Problems with the level sensing monitors were noted. The contractor will prepare a bid and submit it to the city.
- d. As reported previously, the cold weather in December caused a pipe to break in the EAA Club House causing significant water damage. A contractor has been hired and is waiting to start the repairs.
- e. Significant water ponding is occurring on the approach end of runway 30. As stated above, this appears to be adding greatly to concentration of water fowl observed in this area. I would recommend something be done to eliminate this ponding as soon as possible.

- f. A very productive meeting was held with Life Flight. I will brief the board on the meeting and any results known at this time.
- g. Airport lighting: One PAPI bulbs burned out this month. We are still waiting for the FAA to do a flight check in order to reactivate the south PAPI.
- h. There were no noise complaints this month. There were no accidents.
- i. There was one NOTAM that continued this month for the shutdown of the PAPI lights for runway 30.
- j. Airport land improvements:
 - 1. I would continue to recommend that the cleared land be leveled. This would allow them to be maintained by mowing operations and therefore not get out of control again. The city has done some of this work but there is more to do.

Budget: I would recommend that the Airport Board review last year's execution, estimate likely funds available for this year, and review project list for priority changes. I understand that this will occur in the February Board meeting.

Hangar Status: The list is changing rapidly as I attempt to fill increasing openings. Two hangars were rented to new tenants this month. There are still two known door issues at this time.

Current Issues: Issues needing short term resolution.

- 1. Fuel tank re-commissioning project is on hold. The current market conditions do not create a capacity need for this tank at this time.
- 2. Runway "dip" problem. – Funding suggested for 2010.
- 3. Rotating beacon maintenance (painting). – Unfunded. Possible total replacement with AIP funds.
- 4. FBO building repair – Window replacement funding suggested for 2009. This project has been moved to 2010.

5. FBO parking lot repair. – Unfunded.
6. Paving at west ingress to the airport. – Unfunded.
7. Retention pond cleanup – A plan has been produced. Awaiting implementation.
8. EAA Club House repairs – Awaiting completion.
9. Portions of the Wildlife Management Plan to be implemented- Unfunded
10. Security Plan Implementation – Unfunded
11. Ponding on runway 30 safety area – Unfunded
12. Budget review-Planned for February meeting.
13. Life Flight- Meeting held.
14. Master Plan

Future Issues: Issues requiring long term resolution.

1. Emergency response plan.
2. Emergency response exercise.

Conclusion: I hope the users of this report find it useful. I will continue to evolve the format and content. Again, any feedback is welcomed.

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