## **2006 Airport Accomplishments**

- Big Sky Airlines commences with air service on February 15, 2006. One daily flight to and from Boise, ID. Federal Community Air Service Grant of \$250,000 subsidizes air service through October 2006. Port contributes \$65,000 to marketing campaign as part of the required local match.
- Big Sky Airlines leases Hangar 160 for \$1,450 per month to start a maintenance base in Walla Walla. Big Sky Airlines is very satisfied with the maintenance base any may, as a result, remain in the Walla Walla market despite lower than projected passenger boardings

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- Wine Incubator buildings completed at a cost of approximately \$1,138,000. Incubator buildings paid for by a \$985,000 state grant and a Port contribution of \$153,000. All three incubator buildings are leased.
- Airport was successful in obtaining FAA approval to modify the control tower hours to open one hour earlier starting at 6:30 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. At the time, the change allowed the tower to be open for the two early morning commercial air service flights leaving Walla Walla.
- Developed a new airport industrial park map.
- Purchased two small utility pickups for the maintenance department at a cost of \$15,500.
- Purchased an used forklift at a cost of \$11.875.
- Re-roofed 625 E Street, 105 W. Aeronca, 680 Piper Ave., 690 Piper Ave., 455 A Street, 675 B Street, 655 B Street adn 670 B Street at a cost of \$115,064.
- Airport, in consultation with car rental agencies, instituted a \$5.00 per transaction fee for car rentals at the airport. The transaction fee is on top of a 10% concessionaire fee received by the airport.
- Airport enters into a new restaurant lease agreement with Caravaggio's. Restaurant has been favorably received by the public.
- Port Commission approved revised airport rate & charge guidelines (2/23/06) in an effort to make the airport more self-sufficient.

- Entered into a lease agreement with Color Press for one-half 175 E. Aeronca Ave. at a rental rate of \$1,850 per month. Entered into a lease agreement with Valley Wine Storage for the other half of 175 E. Aeronca Ave. at a rental rate of \$1,805 per month. Port invests \$17,700 to subdivide the building.
- Installed a pivot irrigation system to efficiently irrigate 300 acres of the Olson Farm property at a cost of \$472,680.
- Commissioner Schneidmiller and Assistant Airport Manager's Jennifer Skoglund and Ron Johnson participated in an airport pilot's forum on March 14, 2006. Airport spoke regarding future aviation related projects planned for the airport.
- Airport awarded a contract in the amount of \$54,671 to reroof the Walla Walla College Hangar. Renewed Walla Walla College's lease for an additional term of three years.
- Airport entered into an option agreement to purchase the Lester G. Frazier property containing 261.7 acres at a cost of \$1,151,480. Airport enters into AIP-22 grant that provides for partial FAA funding.
- Entered into a 50 year land lease agreement with Allen Litzenberger. Tenant constructs a 6,000 square foot metal building with intentions to construct three additional buildings. Project represents the first spec buildings built at the Walla Walla Regional Airport. Airport Maintenance Department extends water and sewer services.
- Dunham Cellars entered into a 50 year land lease agreement with the Airport and constructs a new 10,000 square foot winery processing and storage building. The new structure contains storage for 1,800 barrels and includes a modern laboratory and conference room. Airport Maintenance Department extends water and sewer service.
- Airport adopted a comprehensive list of "Development Guidelines" for businesses that want to develop land at the airport.
- Airport purchased three breathing apparatus tanks for ARFF Department with FAA AIP-22 Grant: \$14,451 FAA funds and \$761 airport funds.
- Airport awarded contract for \$8,692 to landscape near Blaze King building at the corner of A Street and Beech Avenue.
- Airport entered into a 2006 lease agreement with Bonanza Raceway. Bonanze had 3,290 spectators with gross receipts of \$33,000. Airport receives \$4,025 in rent.
- Airport adopted new EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operating Course) course charge of \$100 per day. Moved EVOC use to Runway 16/34.