

Seaside Airport Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting

June 2, 2020

Call to order: 6:06pm

Members present: Randall Henderson, Dianne Widdop, Jesse Taylor, Teri Carpenter, Bruce Francis, Joyce Hunt, Roy Bennett, Dale McDowell.

Members absent: Randy Frank

Guests present: Michael Lewis via Zoom, RJ Marx of the Daily Astorian, JD Duff of Cannon Beach

Review of minutes: Dianne Widdop makes a motion to approve January 2020 minutes as presented, Joyce Hunt seconds, motion passed.

Introduction: Welcome back! First official meeting since January 2020 due to the Covid19 health pandemic.

Infrastructure/Improvements: Report from Dale McDowell, CARES act grant of \$1,000.00 will be given to the airport to use for utilities, etc. The PMP project is to be done this year, the project has not been scheduled yet. Nothing new with the COAR grant, now to be called SOAR grant. Dale McDowell has sent a letter to the Port of Astoria asking for funding to replace old tie-downs with new stainless tie-downs and anchors, bicycle shed, asphalt overlay, crack seal & slurry coat taxiway, runway 16 PAPI, runway 16 REIL, and airport courtesy car. No response yet, most likely due to everything being cancelled due Covid19. Randall Henderson commented it might be hard to get extra funding this year since Covid19 has reduced travel which reduces revenue from taxes such as fuel and lodging. Dale reports the survey for the bike shed has been completed and sent to the FAA for approval, it was requested that the airport layout plan be redrawn which has been done and sent. Building permits for the bike shed have been obtained. Randall Henderson suggested the committee review the FAA grant assurances to make sure the airport stays in compliance. Will discuss more in future meetings.

Commercial Operations: ODFW used the airport for 5 days in November while conducting elk surveys.

Airport Funding: Dale McDowell said last year the operating cost for the airport was over \$23,000.00, the city budgets between \$4,000-\$5,000 per year. Dale is continuing to look for new grants, some grants require the city to match funds which is not always possible. Dale suggested contacting the Seaside Visitors Bureau for a grant since they get funding from tourist dollars which includes pilots and their guests flying in. The airport is hoping to receive another \$500.00 grant from the City of Gearhart. The \$2,500.00 goal was met for the GoFundMe account, these funds will go towards the bike shed and bicycle repairs. Teri Carpenter thought we should install a secure donation box on the airport grounds, it could be built into the new bike shed when completed. The committee agreed this would probably generate revenue.

Port of Astoria News: It was brought up by Bruce Francis in the January meeting that we should get on the agenda for one of the next Port meetings. This has been delayed since Port meetings have been temporarily suspended. Dale McDowell has made a list of items the airport would like funding for,

which would include a crew car, insurance, bike shed, and tie-downs, etc. Dale has sent a letter with the list to the Port. No response yet.

Maintenance, Safety and Security: Auto gate working good, pedestrian gate not locking after opening, latch may need cleaning. Golf balls and debris still being found on airport grounds, most likely coming from the Mobile Home Park. Dale McDowell drafted a letter to send to the residents of the Four Winds trailer park. The verbiage included what actions the airport can take, including installing a 6' tall chain-link fence topped with barbed wire on the actual property line which could impact the owners along the fence line. Bruce Francis made a motion to send the letter as written to every resident in the park. Diane Widdop seconds, motion passed. Teri Carpenter and Randall Henderson asked if Public Works could train them on replacing the runway lights so they could do this on their own. Worn windsocks have been replaced except for 1 on the south end of taxiway, public works to replace when surrounding ground dries. Kudos to Teri Carpenter for mowing. Thanks to the City, Michael Lewis, and the other hangar tenants for helping to keep the airport looking nice. Thanks to Teri Carpenter, Randy Frank, and Dale McDowell for clearing driftwood and debris from south end of airport. Dale McDowell may contact the FAA to add warnings of possible debris on runway after flooding, he does not want the wording to scare off pilots though. Randall Henderson wrote a story which was published about how pilots can co-exist safely with elk and wildlife that are a fact of life at many rural airports.

Promotion & Services: After reviewing the visitors log, it was apparent the bikes are a big hit. They were missed while locked up due to Covid19 concerns. Randall Henderson has since put them back out with disinfectant wipes donated to the airport. Randall will place a note for visitors to please use the disinfectant wipes. Dale McDowell reports were getting closer to having approval to build the bike shed. It was suggested that we look into finding volunteers to help with the construction, Job Corps, Boy Scouts, fellow pilots were all mentioned. Bruce Francis will again bring up a crew car when he attends the Port meeting. Randall Henderson had an idea to contact Lum's Auto to see if they wanted to advertise their rentals cars at the airport. Don't forget to check out the Seaside Airport Facebook page, share with all your friends.

Committee Member Report: Teri Carpenter attended the NW Aviation Trade Show in February, she said there was a lot of good information, vendors, and airplane talk.

Comments from the floor: Michael Lewis mentioned he trimmed blackberries and removed debris from around the hangar.

Good of the order: Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: Every other month schedule - NEXT REGULAR MEETING July 28, 2020 at the Seaside Airport, 6:00pm. If additional meetings need to be held they will remain the 4th Tuesday of each month

Meeting adjourned 19:21 hrs.