

Minutes of meeting
Seaside Municipal Airport Committee
March 28, 2023
6:15 P.M.

Call to order

Members present: Joyce Hunt, Michael Dimmick, Roy Bennett, Randall Henderson, Randy Frank, Mark Tolan, Bruce Francis

Members absent: Dianne Widdop, Christine Binnicker

Guests present: John Lansing, Jeff Gage, R.J. Marx, Josh Duff, Joy Duff

Approve minutes from previous meeting: Joyce Hunt moved for approval, Roy Bennett seconded, unanimous

Additions to the agenda: None

Welcome Mike Dimmick! Introductions all around.

Comments from the floor

John Lansing introduced himself as candidate for the Port district position #4, expressed that south county has been overlooked by the Port, and is interested in our input on that. Committee noted that we transmitted a wish list to the Port several years ago but it's now out of date, intend to update it. Bruce commented that funding for upkeep and maintenance would be a focus for us since FAA grants go for projects not maintenance. Randall added that hangars and amenities such as pilot shed and are a low priority for outside grants. Bruce and Randy still plan to take these things a Port meeting at some point.

Infrastructure / Improvements / Funding

- City budgeted projects
 - Tiedown chains – Dale got new ones in and city has installed most of them; Randall noted that they're too long for our narrower than standard tie-down points, will measure and provide recommendation to Mike.
 - Ramp layout for hangars: Randall reported that Dale finally has a contact at FAA and has sent our proposed hangar location layouts for approval, and that it can be done without ALP update. Nevertheless Dale still intends to get the ALP update done as well.
- Bayview property line question: Randall related that Dale said it's likely a non-starter. Bruce Francis said his recommendation was assuming it wouldn't require a tremendous amount of legal work for the Airport/city. Based on Dale's assessment, it will be taken off the agenda.
- State funding, projects & PMP: Dale received a response from the OR DOA to the effect that, they will come and assess this year, and perform PMP maintenance in 2024. Discussion around interim mitigation since there are a lot of weeds growing up in the cracks; need to be mowed down and sprayed during the season.
- Federal & CIP, ALP update: Dale working on ALP update with FAA & engineering firm but no further update.
- Port of Astoria request: Discussed above.

Maintenance / Safety / Security

- Airside - runway / taxiway / lights / beacon: The main (center) windsock has been replaced with regulation sized sock. Discussion about using non-regulation size socks that the city has purchased at the runway end locations since they are "extra", as long as the main sock is regulation. Bruce felt that non-regulation socks at any location exposes the city to liability, whereas Randall and Jeff felt that it would be acceptable as long as the main (center) sock is regulation. No consensus; leaving it to Mike. Runway lights: a couple are out. City has replacements but also a suggestion was made to pool resources with Port of AST in case they use the same lights or have surplus?
- Groundskeeping
 - Mowing, safety protocols (no discussion)
 - Work party cleanup etc.: Tuesday April 18th Proposed as Target Date weather permitting with April 25th as backup. Lunch after, pulled pork by Mike D.
- Cameras / website / internet: Randall reported that Dale had communicated about getting it in the city budget, and possible community aviation grant help.
- Condition of gates, locks, fencing, and signage: Some signage is getting old and unreadable, namely the departure climb / turn signs at the ends of the runways. Discussion around the fact that

departure procedures are best determined by pilots per the FARs and AIM. Consensus was to remove the signs at the ends of the runways rather than replacing them, and post requested noise abatement procedures on the airport shed. Also, the No Unauthorized vehicles and Pedestrians sign on the airport gate is old and worn, recommendation to replace that.

Discussion / recommendation to re-paint the yellow stop line at the airport gate going out which was removed when the red fire lane markings went in.

- Cell tower proposal: FAA has made a “no hazard” determination for the proposed antenna ½ mile SE of the airport (2022-ANM-8115-OE).

Operations

- Local: H4 has a new owner, Walt W. with his RV-7A. Jeff noted that Teri (H3) is working to get her plane flying again.
- Visitors / logs: reviewed
- Commercial, charters, air tours: Jerry Trimble helicopters spent several days at the airport, ferrying personnel and equipment to / from the Tillamook Head Lighthouse for restoration work
- Military (no activity reported)

Services / Promotion / Events

- Shed & visitor amenities: Joyce has renewed the visitor brochures.
- Bikes & equipment: Bikes need some maintenance, and PW has a couple more that can be brought in. We have more than enough bikes now but some could stand to be retired in favor of nicer ones. Mark can bring a dump trailer to the work party to haul away old bikes or whatever else needs to be. Discussed adding hooks to hang spare bikes in the shed.
- Website & social media: no update
- Fly-In 2023: EAA chapter poker run is August 27. Same as Hood to coast weekend. Tourism dept. turned down Dale's request for funding another open house. Lengthy discussion, consensus was to not have a fly-in BBQ this year but still offer to be a stop on the poker run, and provide coffee and donuts. And we can have a smaller barbecue lunch at our April work party. Jeff G. mentioned the Astoria airport open house on August 19, they're inviting people to fly in and display their planes, so hopefully we can have a presence there.

Regulatory Review

- Airport zoning / Gearhart (no update)

Committee member reports & good of the order

Next scheduled meeting

- Date: Tuesday May 23, 2023
- Location: Seaside Municipal Airport