

Meeting Minutes
Seaside Municipal Airport Committee
January 27, 2026
6:15 P.M.
Seaside City Hall

Call to order

Present: Randall Henderson, Joyce Hunt, William Walthour, Roy Bennett, Christine Binnicker (council), Sharon Kloepfer, Paul Stull (AM), Bruce Francis (remote), Jeff Gage (guest)

Absent: Sharon Kloepfer (excused)

Officer Elections: Incumbents Randall Henderson (President), William Walthouhr (vice President), Sharon Kloepfer (Secretary) were re-elected for 2026 (unanimous)

Approve minutes from previous meeting: Approved unanimously

Additions to the agenda: None

Open committee position: Still open, no applicants

Comments from the floor

None

Infrastructure / Improvements / Funding

State funding: PS reported on Seaside's state COAR grant project applications which did not make the cut. Noted that the Oregon Department of Aviation is required to fund Level 1 airport grants. Our helipad received a high ranking, however as a level 3 airport our applications fell below the line. PS expressed concerns about the scoring system which favors State-owned airports. Discussed ways to make our application get a more favorable review next time.

City Work Items: PS reported that the tall brush at the end of Runway 16 has been cleared, providing improved clearance for landing aircraft. Discussion followed about re-planting with a lower-growing vegetative screen to discourage trespass. PS suggested a holly hedge; Joyce and RH noted it's an invasive and recommended blackberries (also semi-invasive but less noxious). PW reported that the city will be replacing failed runway lights before July.

Federal & CIP: Zoom meeting is scheduled with FAA ADO reps on March 9; PW, RH and WW will attend.

Airport budget – Present budget is \$20K, going towards runway lighting, obstruction removal, and other items on the work plan. PS will report on next year's budget at the March meeting.

Hangars: no updates

Maintenance / Safety / Security

Airside – Hazardous vegetation has been removed (see above). Work plan includes runway light replacements, windsock pole improvements and perimeter signage. PS is planning to present an annual report to Council in the coming months highlighting accomplishments from 2025 and future plans for 2026.

Committee members noted faded runway numbers & striping and asked if the city could refresh it as an extension of road striping work since it isn't included in the State's PMP. PS will consider working it in.

PS reported that the south-end debris fence has exceeded expectations, preventing driftwood from encroaching on the runway/taxiway during high-tide flood events, but something more permanent is still needed, probably a low berm. RH mentioned beaver dams in the E. drainage channel which will eventually silt it up again; suggested coordination with the Necanicum Watershed Council & beaver-deceivers for long-term mitigation.

PS reported on a helicopter vandalism incident late one night and the police were notified. Enhancements to the security camera systems have subsequently been put in place.

Groundskeeping – city and volunteer: no updates

Condition of gates, locks, fencing, signage: no updates

Operations

Local: the usual

Visitors / logs: RH reported significant uptick in traffic with the good weather in January.

Commercial, charters, air tours, military, emergency response: RH noted that there was one Life Flight operation observed in January.

Services / Promotion / Events

Shed, reader board, visitor amenities, bikes & equipment: No updates

Cameras / website / social media: No updates

Other: EAA Chapter 1696 will be holding it's February meeting at Seaside airport hangar; opportunity to promote the airport with aviation enthusiasts in the region

Regulatory

Committee policy/bylaws: pending City Hall

Long term vehicle parking: RH has been in contact with a pilot who leaves a car in the lot for use when they fly in, and is requesting a longer term permit than 1 month, and the committee reviewed the policy and fee structure for that which is already in place. PS reports it being taken care of. Members noted vehicles from the adjacent business park in the airport lot in violation of posted airport use.

Dates

Next COAR grant application period Oct. 2026

Next airport meeting Tuesday Mar. 24, Seaside City Hall

ODART exercise June 13-14; unknown how or whether Seaside will be incorporated

Committee member reports & good of the order

Adjourn