

**Meeting Minutes
Seaside Municipal Airport Committee
May 26, 2026
6:15 P.M.
Seaside City Hall**

Call to order

Roll Call: Members present - Randall Henderson, Walt Walthour, Sharon Kloepper, Roy Bennett, Joyce Hunt, Bruce Francis, Paul Stull (city), Christine Binnicker (council).

Members absent: none

Guests: Jeff Gage, Team Oregon members Darcy Schaffer & Abe Drabkin

Approve minutes from previous meeting: Approved (unanimous). RH noted that AI summary isn't always accurate, used for reference for the official minutes, committee consensus was in agreement that AI summaries will not constitute minutes.

Additions to the agenda: BF proposed moving motorcycle presentation up to the beginning; consensus agreement

Open committee position: 1 still open, no applicants

Comments from the floor

Motorcycle training request/presentation: Darcy Schaffer and Abe Drabkin presented Team Oregon's proposal, which would utilize the airport's aircraft tie-down area at Seaside Airport. Key elements include:

- One weekend/mo., Mar-Nov
- Space required would be approx. 1 acre, or 80% of existing aircraft parking area
- 8 or fewer tie-downs would remain available for aircraft during training days
- Would require non aviation-standard markings
- Tie-downs would be retrofitted to make flush at the program's expense
- Possible reduction of class size at this location to reduce impact
- Program pays for the use, amount to be negotiated. Amounts at other locations range from \$50-\$800/day depending on class size (this would be on the smaller end)
- Cordon off and NOTAM out the area out a week or more in advance to ensure no planes are left parked there on training weekends

After deliberation, BF moved and RB seconded to recommend against the proposal on the basis that it would significantly impact current and proposed airport's aviation use and would likely violate the city's FAA grant obligations. Motion passed unanimously.

Nevertheless members expressed support for the program overall and were able to provide suggestions for other possible area locations the Team could consider.

Infrastructure / Improvements / Funding

City work plan items:

- E. drainage channel maintenance: PW reported that the city consulted ODFW who provided a determination that the channel does not constitute critical fish habitat. Beaver dams and other debris were cleared from the channel. Flow-through devices will be installed at two most significant dam locations allowing for some beaver activity with minimal negative impact to the airport.
- Brush clearing has begun along the E. airport perimeter. Chipping and hauling of debris planned.
- Mowing will begin soon including weed whacking around lights etc.
- One new-style runway light was purchased to test compatibility; more will be acquired if it works
- PS reported ODAV was on site, reportedly to check painting and follow up on last year's work, though it's hard to tell what they did
- Refresh of runway striping by PW expected later in the summer
- Rose planting on N. perimeter discussed, would be in the fall, still need a plan for who/how. SK suggested Teresa Taylor, master gardener @ historical society as a resource.
- RH requested an updated Work Plan for 2026

Airport budget: Paul has proposed \$50K for berm, \$20K budget for general airport maintenance, going to the council, budget approval expected in June

State funding: COAR grants coming up in the fall; PS will apply but not optimistic as the State-owned airports seem to get priority. Connect Oregon is a possibility for hangars; RH working on a proposal.
Federal & CIP: Tabled

Maintenance / Safety / Security

Airside - surfaces, wind indicators, beacon, runway lights, reflectors: Several runway lights still need replacing, otherwise all good.

Condition of gates, locks, fencing, signage: OK

Flooding debris mitigation: Berm planned per budget but no timeline yet

E. drainage channel: see work plan items, above

Groundskeeping – city & volunteer: RH suggested another weed removal work party, TBD

Operations

Local, visitors, commercial, charters, air tours, military, emergency response: After higher than usual traffic in the winter, transient ops have been lighter than usual for the period. LifeFlight was on-site 6/26 with Medix, conducting training. RH called LifeFlight ops; they are open to providing a letter in support of lighting upgrades for heli ops. ODART exercise is planned for 6/13-14, no stop expected at Seaside this year.

Services / Promotion / Events

Shed, reader board, visitor amenities, bikes & equipment: JH has updated visitor brochures. RH reported that bikes are wearing out, PS suggested we check with SPD as they have good bikes confiscated/found.

Cameras / website / social media: Nothing new

Airport & city events: RH contacted formation flying group NW Ravens re. participation during SandFest (Sept. 17-20), they hope to be able to conduct formation flyovers it but it's weather-dependent. No payment can be accepted however we can provide lunch. Coincides with EAA Chapter 105 Poker Run Sept. 19, with Seaside airport again being a planned stop.

April city volunteer recognition event (recap): JH, RH, CB attended, the Mayor spoke and thanked all the city volunteers. CB reported challenge coins to be provided for volunteers (yet to be distributed). First of expected annual event, nice to be recognized.

Regulatory

Committee policy/bylaws (pending city council) – CB reported no update. RH expressed concern with resolving issue of misc. airport promotional funds and expenditures.

Dates

Next meeting Tuesday July 28, Seaside Municipal Airport

ODART exercise June 13-14

Next COAR grant app period Oct. 2026

Connect OR grant app period Jan-Mar 2027

Committee member reports & good of the order

None

Adjourn