Meeting Minutes
Seaside Municipal Airport Committee
September 22, 2026
6:15 P.M.
Seaside Municipal Airport

Call to order

Roll Call – Members Present: Randall Henderson, Joyce Hunt, Roy Bennett, Bruce Francis, Bruce St. Denis (AM), Christine Binnicker (Council). Absent: William Walthour. Guests: Jeff Gage, Pat Wollner.

Approve minutes from previous meeting - corrections noted – BF moved, RB seconded, approved as corrected.

Additions to the agenda: none.

Open committee positions: The Seaside resident position remains vacant. In addition, Sharon Kloepfer has resigned from the Gearhart position. The committee expressed appreciation for her service. Pat Wollner (present) and Andy Klumper have applied. CB noted that members may submit feedback re. potential candidates to the Council via the city's online form.

Comments from the floor

Infrastructure / Improvements / Funding

City work plan items: RH reviewed the existing airport work plan, requested an update for the next meeting, and will provide the current version to BSD. BSD provided updates on the following:

E. drainage channel: Bruce walked it with former AM Paul Stull, no beaver activity noted, will monitor. Drainage channel was evaluated by DSL/ODFW, determined not fish-bearing. Also noted a significant beaver dam on Mill Creek and is likely fish-bearing. Any backup from there would likely not adversely impact the airport & may even be beneficial.

Striping: Has been completed, looking good.

Windsocks: N. and S. are good, center one okay for now.

Runway lights: New lights are on order. PW will evaluate flickering issues once those are installed and address potential power supply issues as needed. New lights are less expensive than previous.

Rotating beacon has been repaired, city electrician Jack expressed frustration with existing electronics. Update to LED version is probably due, would be est. $15k ($13K for the unit, plus install).

Flood debris mitigation: City is evaluating measures and plans for a flood debris barrier at the south end. Concern is whether it would increase neighbor flooding. Members stressed that the project as envisioned would allow water ingress/egress, only blocking driftwood and other debris. Hydrologist evaluation and no-rise are expected and would likely fall out with the permitting. CB pointed out that the council has approved $50K for the project which stands. BSD clarified that the city is continuing with evaluation prior to permitting.

Airport budget – tabled until next budget cycle

Federal & CIP: FAA ADO has requested CIP update by Sept. deadline which has been submitted by Hadley/Bruce. Two members of FAA ADO visited and met with BSD, PS, HJ & RH, we're expecting minutes from them at some point. They suggested we move ALP up on the list. Other items reviewed. Beacon was not on there so RH asked that it be added as 2nd item. CIP as submitted is posted on seasideairport.org/administration.

Funding: State, PMP, COAR, Connect OR: COAR grant period is October, RH suggested submitting the top CIP items to that program. CB noted that those existing SPIFs should be more or less repeatable and ready to submit for this and future grant cycles. Committee consensus recommendation to submit top items.

Hangars: Connect OR is a possibility, but that got raided this year for ODOT funding. Any grant-funded project would need to be submitted by the City & owned by them. Workshop suggested to follow up with that. Alternative would be privately funded; no current prospects.

Maintenance / Safety / Security

Airside - surfaces, wind indicators, beacon, runway lights, reflectors, striping: All OK, windsock may need replacing soon but still has a little life.

Condition of gates, locks, fencing, signage: No concerns.

Groundskeeping – city & volunteer, weeds & revegitation: City mowing has been good this year; zero-turn mowers better at getting around the lights. Volunteers have cleared weeds around the shed & hangar. JH has been less able to get at weeds around the shed, suggests a project at some point to pull out rocks, get at roots and add landscape cloth before replacing rocks.

Operations

Local, visitors, commercial, charters, air tours, military, emergency response: Members noted less observed traffic, likely a result of weather & fuel prices. Still many positive notes in the visitors' log.

Services / Promotion / Events

Airport & city events: SandFest, Poker run, Formation flyover – EAA chapter 1696 (Astoria) brought a BBQ. Weather kept most planes from coming in, however we had fun on the ground. Poker run was canceled, but the formation group came with 6 planes at 2:30pm, great reception by people at the SandFest, and some other late arrivals so not a bust.

Shed, reader board, visitor amenities, bikes & equipment: Water & sodas are in the fridge. RH noted that the list of taxi services that we post is out of date.

Cameras / website / social media: no changes.

Regulatory

Airport management transition/overview: BSD is interim PW director+AM. City has hired a recruiter, looking for someone who will have longevity.

Members highlighted our efforts to encourage responsible flying including posting NOAA wildlife poster on website and in airport shed. Noted some discouraging activity by motorized para-glider activity around CB, though those folks don't typically use the airport and any ops outside the airport boundary are not the city's/committee's jurisdiction so, informational only.

Committee policy/bylaws (pending city council). CB reports that the overarching policy for committees has been approved by the city council, and Spencer is now working on the individual bylaws proposals. Includes a requirement for zoom recording & attendance made available to the public going forward.

Dates

Next meeting: Scheduled for November 24; members discussed moving that to Nov. 17. Since we're not all here, RH will email the full committee to decide. [*POST-MEETING UPDATE: Will be Nov. 17, Seaside City Hall*].

Committee member reports & good of the order

BF requested clarification on location of West Perimeter Fencing item in CIP. Answer: It's the NW corner (Bayview & Oster Rd.)

JH: Taxi services? Someone just needs to call them up? BSD made a note for Staff to go ahead and put together a list.

Adjourn