

Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30 a.m. May 23, 2013

Members Present:

Tony Helbling	Bruce Bergman	Jack Kahle
Tony Holt	Dave Waggoner	Bill Miles
Nick Kaiser	Bob Miles	
Ron Gustafson	Mark Pilon	
Ted Millar	Jimmy Severson	
Peter Hoff	Pat Johnson	

Ex-officio Members:

Matt Maas		

Guests:

Call to Order / Introductions / Approval of Minutes:

President Tony Helbling led the meeting and called the meeting to order. Peter moved to approve the April 2013 minutes Nick seconded, motion passed.

Membership Committee:

No Report

Airport Safety Committee:

Jack reported the committee did some excellent and extensive work researching pilot's (based and transient) desire for an adequate and safe Runway 17 Run-Up area. (See attached information) Results were overwhelming supporting pursuit of the run-up area much sooner than depicted in the recent master planning. The group supported ODA contacting the FAA Regional Office to move this up in the process. Matt Maas explained he would get it on their radar during his next visit to Renton (with in next 60 days +/-).

Tony Holt asked about Columbia Helicopter's engine test cell. Dan Riches explained it has been used sparingly in the past months but could possibly see an increase in the coming summer months.

Aviation Improvement Committee:

Ted Millar has been meeting with some of the owners along the west fence, discussing a potential walking/bike path through the various condo hangars and along the South End Airpark. This would connect the airport almost end to end as a means to get bicycle and pedestrian traffic off the taxi-way. Matt Maas explained it is possible to place the path over the buried fire protection water tanks. Ted also discussed the continued desire to get Airport Road designated as major arterial. Nick Keiser explained the City of Aurora already considers it that way. Ted hopes to meet with Patti Milne and pursue getting Marion County to do the same.

Noise Abatement Committee:

Nick Keiser reported the Committee met since the last meeting and worked with HTSI to develop and review their approach/departure methods associated with the SE corner of the airport. Ron Gustafson reported only one noise complaint as he's actively working with a City of Aurora resident to review the procedure. Tony Helbling commented about the integration of the smaller helicopters along the east side of the airport, doing test flights in between both Columbia Helicopters and HTSI.

Noise Sensitive Area Signs - Matt Mass reported ODA has installed the concrete. Tony Helbling explained the discovery of the signs being produced/delivered without the maps. Tony Helbling took responsibility for failing to inspect the signs upon delivery for conformance with the order. The vendor admitted and takes responsibility for the mistake and is working with their internal sales and engineering departments to find a resolution.

Public Relations Committee:

Pat Johnson and Bruce Bergman reported on the potential new PAAM web-site. The group discussed the merits of the site and the potential management. The decision to proceed was referred to the board for execution.

Jack Kahle offered to put Pat Johnson in contact with vendors and other sources of support in preparation for the KUAO airport tour slated for August 22, 2013.

Oregon Department of Aviation:

Matt Mass reported ODA has reviewed the final engineering drawings for the tower and they made some minor changes. The final drawings/specs are almost ready for release to bidders. They should be going out for bids later this summer, and then starting construction next year.

Matt also discussed the recent national “contract tower” closure issue. ODA is not anticipating the future KUAO tower will be affected as the current situation has been extended several times in the last few months to a date now at the end of September, 2013.

Treasurers Report:

No Report. Jack Kahle asked if 2013 invoices had been sent out. Several other members reported receiving invoices and a few also received late notices.

Old Business:

Notification of the Annual Meeting will be sent out before the middle of June to the membership, informing them of the July 25, 2013 date. New officers will need to be voted on at that meeting in July. The board shall serve as the nominating committee. The board will develop a slate of candidates not later than June 20th and present to the membership at the June 27th meeting.

Next PAAM Meeting: June 27, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Willamette Aviation Building.