

## Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30 a.m. June 27, 2013

### Members Present:

Tony Helbling	Dave Waggoner	
Tony Holt	Bob Miles	
Nick Kaiser	Jack Kahle	
Ted Millar	Brian Sonnier	
Peter Hoff	Kathy Layton	
Bruce Bergman		

### Ex-officio Members:

John Wilson		
Nick Weber		

### Guests:

Jim Hand		
Lisa Hand		

### Call to Order/ Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Tony called the meeting to order and everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Jack said the Treasurer Report in the May minutes state that Jack Kahle asked if 2013 invoices had been sent out. Peter Hoff is who asked that question and it needs to be updated in the minutes. Jack also would like the May minutes to include under New Business that President, Tony Helbling and Secretary, Kathy Layton will not be running for re-election for the next term. Motion to approve May minutes with these amendments made by Nick and seconded by Brian, motion passed.

### Membership Committee:

Brian asked the group for any leads or suggestions to get new PAAM members. Ted said he would give Brian a list of his tenants to contact.

### **Airport Safety Committee:**

Jack said there has not been a safety committee meeting. John said there are 4 notams for Aurora for no IFR night approaches, 03/0114 03/0115 03/0116 03/117. This is a nationwide problem with many airports across the nation being affected. It is due to obstructions, particularly airports that have equipment owned by the FAA. This should be lifted soon.

The capital improvements projects for next year include improving obstructions at UAO, including more tree removal.

### **Airport Improvement Committee:**

Ted asked for John's help with coordinating the land owners to come up with a solution to define an internal walkway through the airport. John said he would send an e-mail to representatives of the land owners to coordinate a meeting. Bruce Bergman offered to donate aerial photography if that would help in the planning of the route.

Peter mentioned the chain is removed from a gate at Steinbock Way to allow more access, he has not heard any complaints about it being removed.

John reported that the Aurora Airport Master Plan was accepted by resolution by the County. The ODA is still on track for the control tower. It will go out to bid on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. The commitment from the FAA on staffing the controllers has never been rescinded. If the ODA pulled the plug on staffing they would owe 300,000 – 400,000 for expenses incurred for design and site study. Next year the ODA will be making improvements to the taxi way and run way on state property near Aurora Aviation toward Columbia Helicopters hangar.

Matt had a meeting with the FAA to get the 17 run up area moved up on the master plan. Dave asked if they were looking at moving the run up area in front of Aurora Aviation or extending it to the north 250 feet. John said they will be looking at all options and what is the most logical solution. John feels it would be best to go further north but there are obstacles with that solution. Dan will check with Columbia Helicopters to see what impact going to the north would be for them. Dave asked if the state could do a study on how going north 250 feet would impact the property owners. The FAA will not allow the run up area to be past the end of the runway. Nick said there should be engineering already done from the master plan on this. Jack said he would like to see the 17 run up area be the same dimensions of the 35 run up area, which is 60 feet wide by 250 feet long. John reiterated that it was a positive discussion with the FAA.

Ted introduced Paul Savas, a Clackamas County Commissioner who is a supporter of the airport. Paul mentioned the re-election will be next year and spoke of the importance of the airport providing services for many businesses located in the area. Paul was also impressed by the number of jobs that are here at the airport. Discussion on roads and traffic patterns between the airport and Clackamas County, Paul was happy to get the feedback.

#### **Noise Abatement Committee:**

Nick said there has not been a committee meeting since the last meeting. Tony has been working with Charlene from the sign company about the problem of the maps being omitted on the signs. The sign company is not setup to do maps and they would like us to return the signs and give us a refund. Tony would like to keep the signs and get the frangible stanchions from the sign company because they will provide the proper installation for an airport. Then have the additional sign work done locally.

John said he has received many phone calls about noise occurring on the night of May 30. It was a combination of the Guard, Military, and Life Flight training between Aurora and Molalla. John has spoken to Life Flight and got it resolved immediately. Life Flight will be doing a lot of training with new helicopters and new staff but it will be temporary.

Jack said there was a comment 2 months ago about Charbonneau not getting enough information passed on to the residents about what we are doing here at the airport about noise. Jack passed around an article that Tony Holt wrote that was published in the Charbonneau Villager June 2013 edition that addresses a meeting with Helicopter Transport Services and the noise sensitive signs that will be installed at both ends of the airport.

#### **Public Relations Committee:**

Steve or Pat was not present. Tony told Bruce Bergman that he could move forward with designing the website. Tony said Steve Gilmore has scheduled a meeting next week with the PAAM board to discuss tour plans.

Lisa Hand spoke about the Young Eagles event held at Aurora Aviation over the weekend. It was very successful and 72 youth were able to get plane rides. Lisa and Jim Hand hosted an aviation resource fair sponsored by Embry Riddle over the weekend as well.

#### **Oregon Department of Aviation:**

Aurora is slated for professional painting on the runway and taxiway. The painting project will require a 1 day shutdown and it will be coordinated with users to avoid a busy time.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Brian was called to work and had to leave early. Brian wants to be able to contact members by phone and Jack said member's phone numbers are on their membership applications. Brian wants to add phone numbers to a membership database. Jack is concerned about membership declining and feels we need to figure out why so the problem can be addressed.

Bank account balance is \$5,225.45, there are 8 or 9 unpaid memberships, will try to contact by phone.

### **New Business**

The Board met to discuss candidates for re-election at the annual meeting scheduled for August 22nd. The candidates for re-election are:

President – Tony Helbling, Jack Kahle

Vice President – Bruce Bennett

Treasurer – Brian Sonnier

Secretary – candidate needed

Jack wanted to make it clear that he decided to run when he thought Tony was not going to run. He initially did not intend to run against Tony but he will continue to run and is up for the challenge.

Dan said he has seen a plane turning short base over Columbia Helicopters. Bruce Bergman said he is in the Wylie hangar 20 and it's an experimental plane. Bruce will e-mail John with contact information and John will go over the airport rules with the owner.

**Next PAAM Meeting: July 25, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Willamette Aviation building.**