

Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30 a.m. August 22, 2013

Members Present:

Peter Hoff	Mike Wright	Jim Higgins
Nick Kaiser	Rich Warden	Tony Holt
Bob Miles	Bruce Bennett	Jack Kahle
Patti Milne	Bruce Bergman	Kathy Layton
Carric Scott	Steve Gilmore	Ted Millar
Brian Sonnier	Charlie Duren	Dan Riches
Jim Severson	Dave Waggoner	

Ex-officio Members:

Mitch Swecker		
Rod Yoder		

Guests:

Call to Order/ Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Tony was absent, Bruce Bennett called the meeting to order and everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Motion to approve July minutes made by Peter and seconded by Dave, motion passed.

Membership Committee:

Brian - no new members to report

Airport Safety Committee:

Bruce reported that there was a minor landing incident which closed the runway for about 1 hour. The wing of the aircraft was hanging out on the runway; Aurora Aviation removed the aircraft and coordinated with the ODA to get the runway opened back up.

Discussion about NOTAMs in affect for night time instrument approaches. A new survey by the FAA would show all the obstructions that were removed in 2009; the FAA is looking at old data. This problem has been affecting other airports since 2010. FAA techs out of Hillsboro are helping to get things done. Mitch said they will be taking down all the trees near Columbia Helicopters, no more trees here after September. Jack asked about progress on the 17 run-up area. Mitch said master plan alternatives are not a simple issue and there is no resolution yet.

Airport Improvement Committee:

Ted asked John about the meeting he was going to set up with property owners that would be affected by an internal pathway through the airport. John has not had a chance to work with the property owners yet, it will be 1 – 2 months. The chain is back up again at Steinbock Way. Ted asked Patti about Airport Road being designated a major thoroughfare. Patti said Bill Rooster is retiring and they are looking for a new Public Works Director. Now might be good timing to reevaluate Airport Road. Mitch suggests a meeting with the County, ODA and PAAM, Patti will help with this. Rod had a concern about Keil Road since their central station will be located on Ehlen Road to the west. He wants to make sure they will be able to use Keil Road for access into the airport even if it would be closed to regular traffic. Mitch said the fire department would have access keys to all gates and will always have access on Keil Road for emergencies. The new Fire Station will not be built for 4 – 5 years.

Noise Committee:

Nick reported that it is nice to have the new signs up but they are hard to see from a distance. He asked the FBO's to point out the new signs to the pilots flying out. Tony Holt brought some printed "Noise Sensitive Area" signs and asked Ted to hang them up around his hangars. Kathy and Bruce will hang them at the FBO's as well. Tony Holt brought up that an Aurora based jet took off low recently. Bruce spoke to the pilot about this and they said they just did what they were asked to do without much thought about the noise. Bruce made him aware of the noise procedures.

Jack brought up that the new signs are confusing compared to the flight guide. John said that the signs are not designed to be regulatory but a final reminder before takeoff to be aware of noise sensitive areas around the airport. John also said the sign has been with PAAM for months and we had opportunity to comment at that time. Dave recommends tabling this discussion until the next PAAM meeting. Mitch suggests that if a pilot is staying in the pattern, they would be doing a 90 degree turn, but the flight guide does say for departure to do a 45 degree turn. Nick said the object of the signs is to avoid noise sensitive areas.

Public Relations:

The Wilsonville Chamber planned the airport tour which will take place at 10:00 this morning. Tony Helbling prepared some information about the airport in a booklet given to attendees. Everyone is encouraged to have hangar doors open so attendees can see in as the bus is driving by.

Oregon Department of Aviation:

The runway will be closed for fog seal and repaint on September 10 or 11th. The work is weather dependent and will shut down the runway from 7:00 in the morning for the rest of the day. Thirty days later it will close again for a second coat of paint.

Treasurers Report:

\$5,792.94 in account

\$417.00 payment due to the sign company

New Business

Board elections took place with 20 voters present, here are the results:

President:

Tony Helbling - 12 Jack Kahle - 8

Vice President:

Bruce Bennett - 18 Dave Waggoner - 1

Treasurer:

Brian Sonnier - 18

Peter moved to adjourn, Dave seconded, motion passed.

Next PAAM Meeting: September 26, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Willamette Aviation building.