

# Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30AM April 23rd , 2015

## Members Present:

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| Brian Keil    | Jim Higgins |  |
| Tony Helbling | James Hand  |  |
| Ted Millar    | Jon Wenrich |  |
| Dave Waggoner | Jack Kahle  |  |
| Tony Holt     |             |  |
| Dennis Wright |             |  |
| Peter Hoff    |             |  |

## Ex-officio Members:

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| Rod Yoder   | Kevin Cameron |  |
| John Wilson | Susie Stevens |  |

## Guests:

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**Meeting was moved to a different building at Willamette Aviation, due to usual location being utilized for search of a missing aircraft.**

**Call to Order:** Tony Helbling called meeting to order, everyone introduced themselves, no quorum present or 23 approve or change last months minutes.

Tony Holt wants to address changes to last months meeting minutes regarding the tower manager communications, PAAM and its accomplishments but also our concerns and be able to communicate with the tower operator on **important current concerns**. Tony Holt to talk with Bruce Bennett. Tony Holt will address this in next PAAM meeting.

**Membership Committee:** Nothing New

**Airport Safety Committee:** No News, Bruce not present

**Airport Improvement Committee:** Ted Millar-Waiting for legislature to happen. Encourage Marion co. and City of Aurora to try pursue widening Airport Rd./putting in left turn lanes/fill in ditch. The larger money for that would come out of the bikes paths lottery money.

Internal taxi on table too.

Aviation fuel tax? Nothing has passed yet, nothing new.

Improvement run up area 17 is coming, design and engineering in next 2-3 years, Construction in the next five years.

Letters to Langdon Farms and Chris Maletis regarding the tree removal. Sorting out details on who will take them out and how it will be paid for.

**Noise Committee:** Nick Kaiser not present. Tony Helbling-Just an observation: Since moving to Aurora there is less noise from aviation than when he lived in Silverton.

Jim Hand-Someone should talk to Seaport, because it is getting a little obnoxious.

Tony Helbling-Will talk with Bruce Bennett about Seaport.

Tony Helbling-Helicopter noise, talked with Mark Pilaf, they are in their training period, flying cranes re qualifying all the pilots, for a few more weeks before their ships go out on fires.

**Public Relations:** Jack Kahle-PR committee elect? Nothing definitive.

**Oregon Department of Aviation:** John Wilson-Airport Safety Committee Meeting that Bruce Bennett mentioned in the last PAAM meeting.

Bruce Bennett, Mary Rosenblum, OPA, Past OPA President, current State Aviation Board Member, Mitch Swecker, and John Wilson attended a meeting with TRACON at the PDX tower. Good discussion came out of it, learned we have a lot things that need to be in place before the hand off of the air crafts coming into the Portland area to the KUAO tower here and how that is going to look, a lot of behind the scenes things happening. Current things TRACON likes is the calm wind runway 35, it flows really well with all the traffic that they have. A SERCO tower manager was present from Redmond helping with the tower questions/transition.

Also addressing all the concerns we have, such as the noise factor of the area, procedures for handing it off from TRACON to the controller, having the air crafts 17 runway coming in to get on the downwind of 35 if we are in a calm wind traffic pattern, the impact is VFR days, IFR is going to fly it all the way in.

John Wilson-Having a teleconference this morning regarding KUAO tower, leaving early.

Tower is 99.8% done some small cosmetic details on construction. A back up ASOS antennae is being installed west of segmented circle. ODA's standpoint, tower is completed, now in the hands of FAA as far installing their equipment. Airspace analysis and everything else needing to go to the public is in place.

FAA is not willing to make a date for hiring a SERCO tower manager because of moving target when the tower will be operational, tower completion is projected for August 20, 2015. Also FAA didn't publish the public comment period for some of the airspace analysis in time, they will not do anything till that is done-governmental procedures.

When a tower manager is hired, will be a very minimal time, train and get him in front of PAAM group/safety committee group and any other groups necessary.

Blue Gate-sign is broken, will be repaired on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, Meyer's Sign Co.

Behind schedule on mowing because of the rain. Some Spraying and preventative maintenance has been done.

Jack Kahle-gate security with the tower?

John Wilson-Still talking with SERCO as to how secure they want to see it. ODA Knows the concerns for the businesses. More to come on this topic. Can't get too far ahead until the manager is hired.

Jack Kahle- Lots of super cubs landing in grass, would like still to provide for that once tower is in.

John Wilson- That can't and won't happen with operational tower/safety hazards/airport is not equipped to handle that according to the tower, aircraft will be fined.

Contract tower is currently funded, but is always at risk of being underfunded.

Jon Wenrich-Governor Brown, City Manager in McMinnville Meeker are advocates of aviation, how does that help us pursue radar?

John Wilson-Radar was big discussion at PDX meeting. We did not meet the qualifications on FIDO-automated strip. Even that and the radar were two pieces we just don't qualify for, strictly a numbers game. However, when safety becomes an issue where the TRACON individual has to manually read the information and over the telephone to the tower writing it down and the pattern is full, will be here quicker than you think. TRACON does want radar here, so there is discussion going on and the FAA is trying to get it for KUAO.

**Treasurers Report:** No news, Brian Sonnier not present.

**New Business:** Kevin Cameron- Summit up in the canyon three weeks ago for economic development.

There is someone from Columbia Helicopters that is on our economical development advisory board, so we have representation from the airport for monthly meetings. Took notes today and is emailing the public works about where we are at, and will get a report back.

Rod Yoder -More push for fire volunteers for the Airport. Aurora Fire Department has been on the premises doing a stand by for testing three Military Chinooks. Whenever the choppers are running there is an ARF rig with 3 trained ARF firefighters standing by. Still looking for a new AFR rig.

Susie Stevens-City of Wilsonville had a thank you dinner for volunteers. Over 200 people attended. City of Wilsonville Public Library has volunteers that equal 6 full time employees.

May 9<sup>th</sup> volunteer effort work day for cleaning up parks and streets.

Frog Pond-Council/planning commission, hearing in June about next residential development.

Tony Helbing Sign repair-Emailed the potential 10 business that would be a part in it, 6 out of 10 willing to participate with costs. Has one bid currently, will get more competitive bids.

Existing signs are not very stable except the frame. Trying to figure out the best solution.

Jack Kahle-Used to have maintenance schedule with state through PAAM. No longer is being used. Would like to do again, there is a hole in taxi-way that needs to be fixed. Good program, they would get reports of needed maintenance and would have to report at each meeting the status.

Tony Helbling- July 2015 need to consider to elect new officers for PAAM.

**Next PAAM Meeting: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 8:30 AM Willamette Aviation building.**