

# Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30AM August 28<sup>th</sup> 2015

## Members Present:

Bruce Bennett	Jack Kahle	Dennis Wright
Tony Helbling	Larry Bergman	David Stead
Brian Sonnier	Jim Higgins	Bruce Bergman
Tony Holt	Bob Miles	
Nick Kaiser	Richard Waggoner	
Jim Aukes	David Waggoner	
Jim Hand	Dan Riches	

## Ex-officio Members:

Greg Dyke	Kevin Cameron	
Matt Maass		

## Guests:

Brandi Ebner	Raul Suarez	Jason Myers
Bill Graupp	Ron Pierce	Alan Haley

**Call to Order:** Tony Helbling called meeting to order. Quorum present to vote on 6 plus months of previous minutes. Moved by Dave Waggoner seconded by Jim.

Notes for March 2015 were revised and red-lined passed around at meeting for approval also revised was read by Tony Helbling to all. Moved and seconded by Tony Helbling, passed unanimously.

**Membership Committee:** New Member Richard Waggoner

**Airport Safety Committee:** Bruce Bennett-Nothing New

**Airport Improvement Committee:** Ted Millar-not present

**Noise Committee:** Nick Kaiser Looking for meeting with tower manager to talk about community issues.

**Public Relations:** Wilsonville Chamber-Brandi Ebner-Final negotiations with the CEO and final announcement in next couple weeks.

**Oregon Department of Aviation:** Matt Maass-Fuel Tax Bill 2075 was signed by the Governor. Will provide General Aviation in Oregon 20 million over 6 years period. Fuel tax will start being collected January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Main focus of that money is help the non-federally funded rural airports in Oregon, although all airports are eligible to receive those funds. Construction to on ramp in front of Aurora Aviation, notice date of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. ODA able to obtain a brush cutter for work at KUAO as well as other airports. Hoping by next PAAM meeting will have the changes in operations due to a tower present. Tower is most likely be open in October 2015. When the tower does go live, there will be a movement/non-movement, you have to clearance from tower. Tower hours to be determined, 24 hour camera surveillance.

**Treasurers Report:** Brian Sonnier-Balance is \$6965.00. Sent out Membership notices, 14 left to pay.

**New Business:** Bill Graupp-Thankful that the Airport Owners Association supported our 5K/1K kids run.

Ron Pierce(Serco)-Having some challenges with certain aspects, one being the role of tower regarding flight service/flight advisory, that is delaying and we have no control over. We are working on resolving them with a tentative plan.

Raul Suarez(Air Traffic Manager)-Target date for October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Ground control frequency 119.15

Tower control frequency 120.35

ASOS/ADIS frequency there is a line the FAA forgot to hook up to switch over from ADIS to ASOS. Initially you will still be hearing ASOS broadcast but on departure you will be getting you the runway altimeter anyways every time arrival and departure. So ADIS is in place, then once the ADIS is live, you can call them and get it. 525 same frequency.

Will be monitoring the CTAF for probably one year. Could be a transient issue not so much for base pilots.

Tower/Ground and ADIS will be recorded while the tower is open.

Kevin Cameron introduced Sheriff Jason Myers for safety issues/Alan Haley for Public Works.

Issues on the table via Tony Helbling:

- Trimming of bushes/trees on Ardnt Road North side of Columbia Helicopters
- Keil Rd to Airport Rd, very narrow road, ditches on both sides/very narrow shoulders, which leaves very little room for error. Many bicyclist/joggers to deal with, now that a tower is here and there will be boundaries within airport. Some on airport will be moving a lot more outside the fence of the airport, meaning Airport Rd/Keil Rd.
- Airport Rd/Ardnt Rd intersection issues pushing for a designated left turn lanes north and south due to accidents at intersection. Two counties intersect here, Clackamas/Marion, in most cases, regarding accidents, both counties, Emergency Medical systems respond
- Excessive speeding on Airport Rd as well as Airport Rd being used as an arterial road off of highway 551 for locals and commuters.

Ideal resolutions:

- Trim Bushes on Arndt Rd north of Columbia Helicopters
- Airport Rd- Using Bike/Ped funds, filling in one ditch or both (depending on water drainage requirements for road), for bicycle and or lane widening the road with left hand turn lane, these are viable options from a public safety standpoint.
- Retaining more law enforcement with both Clackamas/Marion counties to monitor Airport Rd for unlawfulness, although strapped for additional enforcement.

Sheriff Myers-As Wilsonville grows I-5 has become clogged and commuters are taking alternative routes from outer lying cities, rural/country routes are becoming more like arterial. Our team gets together once a month to discuss needs, will work on some solutions. I am committed in trying to help with issues.

For a reality, Marion County is 1200 square miles, on average 6 deputies on shift to cover those 1200 square miles. That is difficult most of our calls come from Salem which is in the county still but pulls our resources to that area. We do have a Deputy or two in the North District of Marion County but that geographical area covers Scotts Mills, East Salem, St. Paul and Silverton, which is a huge area to cover. Will try to develop a thoughtful plan to help, will take some time, research and authority.

Bruce Bennett-Intersection at Columbia Helicopters has 2 of the 4 lights designated left hand turn signals(east/west) which may lead to confusion that they all are designated, when in fact 2 are yield to oncoming traffic(north and south).

Sheriff Myers- In need of point person-Bruce Bennett volunteered.

Aurora Fire Department-Greg Dyke-ARF up and running by December. All have been trained last year, will have refresher classes as well.

Bill Graupp voted in as a ex-officio, Brian Sonnier, Bob Miles Seconded, UNANIMOUSLY.

Bruce and Larry Bergman donated an aerial photo of the Aurora State Airport and outer lying area.

Tony Helbling-Elections of the officers, ballots passed around for voting.

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS: 16 VOTED

TONY HELBLING- PRESIDENT.....15 VOTES  
BRUCE BENNETT-VICE-PRESIDENT.....15 VOTES  
BRIAN SONNIER-TREASURER.....15 VOTES  
KRISTEN MOORE.....7 VOTES, 8 LEFT BLANK

**Next PAAM Meeting: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 8:30 AM Willamette Aviation building.**