

# Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30AM February 26, 2015

## Members Present:

Tony Helbling	Bob Miles	
Tony Holt	Brian Sonnier	
Bruce Bennett	Dan Riches	
Jon Wenrich	James Hand	
Nick Kaiser	Bruce Bergman	
Dave Waggoner	Dick VanGrunsvan	

## Ex-officio Members:

Rod Yoder	John Wilson	Bill Graupp
Matt Maass	Kevin Cameron	

## Guests:


**Call to Order:** Introductions/Approval of Minutes, quorum present to vote on past months minutes, November 2014 motioned to approve by Hand, Seconded by Bennett. Tony Holt send e-mail to revise January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 minutes with minor changes will submit thru PAAM e-mail for all to see and approve come next meeting in March.

Some members have to leave early today: Kevin Cameron Marion County: This week went back to Washington D.C. Meeting with staff of Department of Agriculture on water situations, leading developments, grants, EPA ground fuel issues, a lot is focused on Santiam Canyon but some of those things may help apply up here when something comes up.

Other than that commission means have been fairly quiet and short.

**Membership Committee:** Nothing New

**Airport Safety Committee:** Bruce Bennett attended Town Hall meeting with Senator Merkley. A lot was non-related airport, did bring up Fuel Tax, although not Senator Merkley's project, but subject was raised out of importance.

**Airport Improvement Committee:** Ted Millar not present. Jim Hand-Bruce and I were at a CAA meeting other night and there was active discussion with air traffic control personnel regarding realigning a few procedures at Aurora State Airport. As soon as we get our Class D airspace, focus is mainly on STARs and other approach procedures in to the class D airspace but also try to fix McMinnville which is sort of invisible to them under the current radar setup. Personnel trying to realign the north end of the Willamette Valley.

Charbonneau's point of view, more emphasis on using 35 for approaches than underemphasis 17 which should alleviate some noise.

Jim Hand-A need to have users solid input such as Bruce Bennett who actively uses the airport for business.

Tony Helbling- Excellent point, Bruce works with Tracon, and Nick Kaiser with Aurora, now that tower is about to come in there will be some improvements, but also include the tower personnel and invite, keep them active in the PAAM meetings.

**Noise Committee:** Nick Kaiser-Tower manager essential to come to PAAM Meeting regarding the noise, so they can best determine the airport traffic.

Tony Helbling: Meeting today is going fast can we start to get together a PAAM committee designated to communicate with the FAA and the tower regarding the issues now and future.

Opportunity now to get a few members dedicated to this process for guidance before the tower is up and operational.

Bruce Bennett, Nick Kaiser, Tony Holt, Tony Helbling, Bill Graupp and Dave Waggoner tentative committee to help with vision and organize, prepare paperwork on what PAAM supports before the tower management are in place. Task force meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am, 2015, Willamette Aviation.

David Waggoner-Need for addressing VFR traffic, SID, STARs(instrument departures)in Class D airspace and regarding Tower and its management.

**Public Relations:** Tony Helbling-ODA invited me to participate in a tour with Senator Jeff Merkley. Merkley held a town hall meeting, Business Leaders Meeting, toured the Aurora State Airport, visited Wilson Construction, and talked about the value of corporate Aviation. Senator was impressed and surprised what this airport had to offer.

Talked about the funding of the tower and its importance of not waiting in line for funding as it is a necessity for this airport regarding the business and safety of this airport.

Rod Yoder- Trying try still secure the Fire truck from Port of Portland, but also looking for surplus ARF Rig (Airport Rescue Firefighting) if one from Port of Portland does not become available.

ARF Rig has more foam, dry chem, long reach capabilities than current ones in firehouses.

Aurora Fire Department Have been authorized to purchase two new pumpers about 11 months out, \$430,000.00 per pumper without equipment. Also received grant funding for earthquake proofing upgrades 400,000.00 in Aurora and 280,000.00 at Donald, zero match. Both stations will be upgraded in next two years, stations are of cinder block construction from 1940's which is highly unstable during earthquakes.

**Oregon Department of Aviation:** Matt Mauss-Tower Construction completion within the next 30 days, FAA getting ready to install their equipment. FAA stating tower to go operational June 2015.

**Treasurers Report:** Brian Sonnier \$6500.99

**New Business:** Tony Helbling-Did research on airport sign damage(south of runway), agreement in place between aurora state airport, PAAM organization and ODA, agreement as follows: State put the signs in(liability and electrical) and PAAM needs to maintain them. PAAM to look at cost for repairing sign, and look into cost sharing with the ODA. Needs to be addressed and repaired for Airport image, damage is going on 30-45 days. Also Aurora Aviation sign is broken. Tony Helbling will look into the bids/repairs.

Rod Yoder-Bingo fundraiser March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Donald station. Looking for door prizes.

Rod Yoder- Hangar fire at Lenhardt airport recently during daylight hours, due to a golf cart battery charger left in the wall, but was not attached to golf cart.

**Next PAAM Meeting: March 19, 2015, 8:30 AM Willamette Aviation building.**