

Positive Aurora Airport Management Meeting Minutes

Willamette Aviation Building – 8:30AM July 23th , 2015

Members Present:

Bruce Bennett	Ted Millar	
Tony Helbling	Larry Bergman	
Dan Riches	Brian Sonnier	
Tony Holt	Bob Miles	
Nick Kaiser	Richard Waggoner	
Jim Aukes		
Jim Hand		

Ex-officio Members:

Rod Yoder	Kevin Cameron	
John Wilson		

Guests:

Brandi Ebner		
Tom Morland		

Call to Order: Tony Helbling called meeting to order, everyone introduced themselves, no quorum present to approve meeting minutes. Talked about changing quorum approval requirements/bylaws to approve minutes, possibly 1/3 (instead of ½ as of now). PAAM membership is approximately 37 members, if changed to a quorum of 1/3, it would be around 12-13 members to approve the minutes. There was talk about members approving minutes via e-mail.

PAAM Secretary, Kristen Moore reminded all of new PAAM Email address nearly 3 months now, and also stated let know if did not receive Tower Ribbon Cutting Invitation.

Membership Committee: Nothing New

Airport Safety Committee: Bruce Bennett-No new meeting or new news.

Airport Improvement Committee: Ted Millar-Nothing new, some legislation gone through, fuel tax approved, which will allocate money to the state for matching funds for some of the improvements we need such as run up area 17/runway extension. Meeting again with Marion County for Airport Road NE improvement on back filling ditch/bike lane/turn lane.

Jim Hand-Being victim of an accident, no fault on his part, would like to see larger speed zone signs and improvement on the intersection of Airport Rd. NE/ Arndt Rd.

Tony Helbling to Dan Riches-Trimming bushes on North side of Columbia Helicopters/Arndt Road could be a help.

Committee also talked about designated turn signals on Airport Rd NE, could eliminate some or most of issues, looks like it could be easily done since all hardware seems to be already there with the exception of the designated signal box. Rod Yoder-Possibility to get a letter from PAAM Organization to be an advocate for the designated signal issue.

Two counties share responsibility of intersection Marion and Clackamas. Need to get in touch with Kevin Cameron and his transportation expert for improvement.

Bruce Bennett-State to spend a million dollars on the ramp in front of Aurora Aviation, it is the oldest black top on the field and coming apart. Closures will be involved, will have to work around those closures with involved hangars. John from ODA may have more information regarding the closures. Slated for construction this summer to tear the entire ramp up with respect to Aurora Aviation, will be a smaller ramp, with brand new blacktop.

Noise Committee: Nick Kaiser-Tom Morland, a resident of Aurora

who is concerned and interested in PAAM and noise abatement and here to observe today.

John Wilson ODA-Mr. Moreland and Wife have been concerned about certain aircraft activity so I sat and observed the activity in Aurora, some smaller single engines aircraft going further south, making the turn cutting the south end, not making the turn and splitting between the city and Keil subdivision, in the valley where we want the aircraft to go, and taking a bit longer to get to 900 feet. We're asking them to get to 900 feet and make a left or right.

Tony Helbling-On a hot day with a load to get to 900 feet to make that turn is sensitive regarding departure stalls.

John Wilson-Agreed that it seems to be the hot summer days that this is happening, more of a performance issue with the aircraft. Also getting a little more complaints regarding East side of Charbonneau with Jet traffic turning out (SID Departure). Tower will help with some of these issues.

Tom Moreland-Aircraft flying directly over flying straight in from the South. Appears to be the same aircraft repeating.

Tony Helbling-Uncontrolled airports pilots are taught to over fly the airport and then make their turn.

Bruce Bennett to Tom Morland-High temperatures degrades the aircraft performance therefore slower to reach the 900 foot point might take longer and further South. Calm wind runway is 35 is a lot less impact on Aurora.

Tony Helbling to Tom Morland-What the PAAM organization does through leadership is help lead pilots to reduce their noise impact from the surrounding communities. We don't have enforcement capability, nor is the procedure that we work with, that state has provided, is not a law, only a recommendation. Legally anyone can pretty much fly anywhere over this area, but once the tower is in place, will not erase all issues, but will make a significant change in flight issues, within the hours of operation.

Public Relations: Brandi Ebner to step in and help report in future. Nothing new

Oregon Department of Aviation: John Wilson-Have a tower manager and is settling in the community/finding a place to live. He will Be here for August PAAM meeting. Will have committee meetings with Mitch Swecker/Matt Maass to prepare to address all at once for next PAAM meeting. Airspace will be advisory till is gets clarified.

John Wilson-ODA will tear up and reconstruct Bruce Bennett's Apron with respect to Aurora Aviation, redesign new intersections in his ramp and offset certain aspects due to growth going from a B-2 to C-2 Airport. As we grow dimensions have to adjust.

Tony Helbling to John Wilson- What is the work around plan while under construction?

John Wilson-Will probably have to back taxi on the runway, Start date should be in August and done by October, should have the tower's help with the construction/runway back taxi. Not sure about the frequency channels yet, will be a transition.

John Wilson-Money is increased 2% so have money to allow to have staff/new equipment to help maintain the other 26 airports. Removing obstructions to some is part of the plan.

Larry Bergman to John Wilson Boundary for aircraft/vehicles/pedestrians?

John Wilson-There will be a boundaries that you can and can't cross in respect to all. Will be a safety area and all will be defined.

Have security cameras end of both runway 180 Degree tilt zoom, operational about one month ago. Airport is going to significantly change ways of operation in all aspects. ODA is citation authority. Cameras are 24/7 and probably the radios as well. Aurora Airport is 4th largest GA airport in Oregon, were biggest as far as based aircraft and a lot of people are looking at Aurora to get to Downtown now. We bring 40 million dollars to the economy, over 1000 jobs.

No new news on interior pathway.

Ted Millar to Kevin Cameron-Any news on Airport Road modification?

Kevin Cameron-Will bring public works director Alan Haley for a PAAM meeting soon.

As interstate 5 is becoming more congested commuters are taking county roads to get to and from, example... Newberg, Oregon City etc., Sheriff talked about this in morning meeting, hence why I am late, will invite to PAAM meeting for discussion on what they are doing and proposals. Nothing on radar right now for Airport Road that I know of, aware of needing a designated left signal for north and south direction Airport Road NE.

Increased patrols in N. Fork Canyon for 4 hours, resources are stretched, will look into more patrol for Airport Rd NE. budget is looking okay.

Treasurers Report: Brian Sonnier

Balance was \$6190.99

\$650.00 new deposit Balance as of today \$6840.99

New Business:Rod Yoder-Getting closer getting ARF in operation. Had 400 gallons of foam delivered, that was a little over \$8000.00 for that with the state paying half of the cost.

Next is to train with it, and have it fully functional by September. Will bring to tower dedication and station it by tower.

Kevin Cameron to Rod Yoder-Reminder that there are still grants out there. Possibly for Radio communications. Could go through the Economic Advisory Council, which we have a member from Columbia Helicopters now that is able to make recommendations to commissioners on all the grants available, I believe due by August 31st, 2015.

Rod Yoder-We do have a new recruit coming up, just graduated 5 from a recruit class so we will come out and get a hold of all to see if there is anybody interested at Aurora Airport. We are going to kick one off in September, a recruit academy is streamlined where we do most of it online , that helped a lot to get volunteers, trained without them having to dedicate time 2 night a week, plus every weekend. It's about 540 hours to get trained to a fire fighter 1 level. Hope to do 5 recruits every spring, 5 every fall as a minimum, trying to come out and drop off fliers regarding.

Tony Helbling-Next month is elections. Please board members stay after meeting to discuss a few topics, one being new officers so we can get those put out via email to association.

August is elections for new officers.

Next PAAM Meeting: August 27th, 2015, 8:30 AM Willamette Aviation building.