

Oregon State Aviation Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2011

Teleconference

Pursuant to notice made by press release to newspapers of general and local circulation throughout the state and mailed to persons on the mailing list of the Committee, a teleconference of the Oregon State Aviation Board was held on May 17, 2011.

Hosted by Mitch Swecker – Interim Director for the Oregon Department of Aviation

Attendees: Jenny Wilfong, ODA Fiscal Manager; Chris Cummings, Planning Manager; Sandi Larsen, Planning Assistant; Roger Sponseller, ODA Administrative Assistant.

Board members via phone: Mark Gardiner, Board Chair; Chris Corich, Vice-Chair; members: Nan Garnick, Jack Loacker and Joe Smith.

Other attendees by phone: Ted Millar, Southend Airpark; Randy Kirkenberg, WH Pacific.

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

- The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.
- Self-introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the previous Aviation Board will be approved or disapproved at the next board meeting.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Director's Update:

Mitch Swecker briefed the board on the AFTIL conference in Atlantic City recently attended by Airport Operations Specialist John Wilson. At the conference, the FAA was able to determine the location and height of the tower to be located at Aurora State Airport. The only sticking point revolved around security requirements for the tower. If a security zone of 300 ft. can not be obtained around the tower, the structure must be bomb-proofed against 1,000 pounds of TNT and have a security zone of 100 ft. Mitch is currently seeking a waiver from the FAA to give ODA some leeway regarding the security requirements.

The opinion of ODA is that the risk assessment for the tower is excessive in comparison to the actual threat possibilities at a general aviation airport like Aurora.

Board discussed.

ConnectOregon III – CORA Prioritization (handout):

Planning Assistant Sandi Larsen briefed the board on the current CORA applications prioritization. All of the projects in the scoring matrix will receive the funding they asked for. Board member Chris Corich asked if it was too late to apply any left-over funds towards the control tower at Aurora. Sandi replied that it was, indeed, too late to use any of the funds for the tower. Board member Jack Loacker asked for clarification regarding any left-over funds that are not used by the projects; does the money go back into the *ConnectOregon* fund? If it does, can it then be applied to the tower? Mitch replied that it could not because the funds would be rolled over into the next funding period for future projects.

ACTION ITEM – Oregon Aviation Board accepts and approves the CORA grants, round 2, with the possibility of green-lighting the Redmond and Tillamook projects providing they are able to get their funding in their entirety.

Motion to approve by Jack Loacker

Motion 2nd by Nan Garnick

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.