

Oregon State Aviation Board

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2013

Albany, Oregon

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 meeting of the Oregon State Aviation Board was held on August 24, 2013, at Albany's Expo Center in Santiam Hall. This meeting was held in conjunction with Oregon Pilots Association's (OPA) annual meeting.

Board Members Present: Chair, Mark Gardner; Board Members Jack Loacker, Larry Dalrymple, Nan Garnick and Joe Smith.

ODA Members Present: Director, Mitch Swecker; Airports Manager, Matt Maass; Administrative Assistant, Roger Sponseller.

Presenters and Guests in Attendance Included: ODA Director; ODA Airports Manager; OPA, Mary Rosenblum.

The meeting started at 10:05 am

ACTION ITEM – Approval of minutes from July, 2013 teleconference.

Motion to approve by: Joe Smith

Motion 2nd by: Larry Dalrymple

Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments:

Alan Daniels from Ontario Municipal Airport remarked that, thanks to *ConnectOregon*, the airport's AIP grant has been approved and construction begins on August 28th. Pacific Coast Aviation will be basing out of the airport and so will two air-medical helicopter transports. Construction is expected to be completed in about 44 days.

OPA Presentation:

Mary Rosenblum: Mary Rosenblum of the Oregon Pilots Association (OPA), spoke to the board regarding OPA's support for general aviation in Oregon and of their organization's continued support for a fuel tax increase to help fund general aviation in the state.

Oregon Aviation Industry Planning Update:

Oregon Department of Aviation Director, Mitch Swecker, briefed the Aviation Board on the upcoming Oregon Aviation Industry Cluster (ORAVI) meeting on September 19th at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville. Director Swecker's update included a short list of speakers, including Senator Betsy Johnson, who will be addressing the Cluster.

Director's Update (handouts):

Mitch Swecker: ODA's Director, Mitch Swecker, updated the board on future aviation calendar events and other pertinent aviation topics.

➤ Calendar of Events:

August –

- Tillamook Northwest Classics Aug. 3rd
- Airshow of the Cascades (Madras) Aug. 23rd-Aug. 24th
- Albany's Northwest Art & Air Aug. 23rd-Aug. 25th
- Aviation Board meeting on Aug. 24th (In conjunction with OPA meeting).

September –

- WAAAM Hood River Fly-In
- Reno Air Races Sept. 11th-Sept. 15th
- Aviation Board meeting on Sept. 19th (In conjunction with Aviation Cluster).
- NASAO Meeting and Tradeshow Sept. 28th-Sept. 30th

October –

- NWAAAE Conference Sept. 30th-Oct. 2nd
- UAS Systems Technology Forum (Pendleton) Oct. 9th-Oct. 10th
- OAMA Fall Conference Oct. 14th-Oct. 15th
- Aviation Board Meeting Oct. 17th
- Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame Luncheon Oct. 20th

November –

- Veteran's Day Nov. 11th
 - Interim Legislative Day Nov. 20th
 - Aviation Board Meeting Nov. 21st?
 - PAAM Meeting Nov. 28th
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- Draft agreement between Oregon Department of Aviation, the Oregon State Aviation Board and the Oregon State Marine Board regarding the regulation of seaplanes operating as boats is almost complete.
 - Aurora Air Traffic Control Tower Update. Design is complete. Mitch will meet with the consultants on Tuesday. Bidding will begin soon.
 - Proposal for Strategy Planning Meeting on August 29th –
 - Where does ODA want to be 10 years from now?
 - What airports does ODA want to keep and which ones do we close?
 - Northwest region passenger airports future. How can ODA and the board get more air-service throughout Oregon?
 - National Traffic Safety Board (NTSB) Letter – Letter concerning the connection between alcohol and general aviation mishaps. What is ODA doing to help? Education? Civil Penalty?
 - Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) – Director Swecker spoke to the Aviation Board regarding the development and implementation of UAS policy in Oregon. Some developments include:
 - ❖ Tasks –
 - Report to Legislature by Nov. 1, 2014
 - Status of federal regulations of UAS.
 - Recommendation on registering private use UAS.
 - Registration of Public Use UAS by Jan. 2, 2016
 - Database
 - Rulemaking
 - Fee Structure
 - Coordination/Education of other public agencies
 - State agencies: Forestry, AG, ODFW, Universities/Colleges.
 - Law enforcement: State, Counties, Cities.

❖ Federal Issues –

- FAA Reauthorization Bill 2012
 - Directed that six test sites be established around the country.
 - Directs UAS entry into National Airspace by 2015.
- Control: Incredibly Restrictive (see National Policy)
 - Privacy, Due Process
 - Risk of collision with piloted aircraft.
 - Feds own ALL airspace.
 - COA and/or Airworthiness Certification Required.
- Recreational Use
 - Recreational Advisory Circular from 1981 still governs.
 - No flight above 400 feet.
 - Clear of airports and crowds.

❖ State Issues –

- House Bill 2710
 - Law enforcement/privacy.
 - Preemption; no local laws regulating UAS.
 - No weaponization.
 - Civil penalties for overflight (below 400 feet).
 - Not applicable to recreational UAS.
 - Airspace: Federal preemption.
 - State Preemption: No regulation other than state level.
- Cottage Industry Already Exists In Oregon
 - Private enterprises using recreational UAS
 - Camera mounted (gyro stabilized).
 - Available at any hobby store/mail/home-built.
 - Registration challenges: “Chasing bees” vs. “Access to the Hive.”

❖ UAS Usage Potential –

- Agriculture
 - Field evaluations for water, pesticide, fertilizer application focus.
 - Animal counts and location.
- Forestry
 - Fire detection.
 - Disease tree vector location.
 - Invasive species location.

- Fish and Wildlife
 - Wildlife tracking and monitoring.
 - Invasive species identification.
 - Law enforcement – poaching, trespassing, illegal land use.
- Law Enforcement / Emergency Management
 - Search and Rescue
 - Damage assessment identification and documentation.
 - Overhead command and control (SWAT, Traffic accidents, major incident).

Monthly Business Report (handout):

Mitch Swecker: ODA’s Director, Mitch Swecker, briefed the board on the current fiscal status of the agency. Topics covered included:

- Total Revenue by Appropriation
- Total Expenditures by Appropriation
- Expenditures and Revenue
- Leading Revenues
- AV/Jet Fuel Tax Revenue
- Operations
- Search & Rescue
- Aircraft Registration
- Pavement Maintenance Program (PMP)
- Operations Cash Balance
- Search & Rescue Cash Balance (Pilot Registration)
- Aircraft Registration Cash Balance
- PMP Cash Balance
- Limitation Balances
- Operations Expenses, Revenue & Limitation
- Expenses, Revenue and Limitation by Appropriation
- All Other State Owned Airport Profit & Loss Statement

Airport Operations (handout):

Matthew Maass: ODA's Airports Manager, Matthew Maass, addressed the board on current airport issues. Topics included:

- New private airport applications.
- Relatively quiet firefighting season so far; McKenzie Bridge is about the only airport that is currently being used.
- 5010 Inspections.
- Restricted Aurora airport night operations. Obstructions leading to restrictions are being removed.
- Mulino, Aurora and Independence will be getting new runway striping within the next 30 days.

Capital Planning/Projects (handout):

Mitch Swecker: ODA's Director, Mitch Swecker, briefed the board on current Airport Improvement Projects (AIP) and Capital Programs statewide. Topics included:

- Siletz Bay – Apron, Taxiway & Beacon Tower
The contractor started work August 6, 2013. Substantial completion is anticipated in late September.
- Aurora – Air Traffic Control Tower
Final CD set is being reviewed. ITB is anticipated to be posted in 2 weeks.
- Aurora Apron Rehabilitation – Design Phase 1
Grant received this week. Start design and finalize timeline next week.
- Cottage Grove Runway Rehabilitation – Design Phase 1
ODA is currently awaiting the AIP grant.
- Joseph Obstruction Removal and Safety Upgrades – Design Phase 1
ODA is currently awaiting the AIP grant.
- Mulino Obstruction Removal – Design Phase 1
ODA is currently awaiting the AIP grant.
- Wasco Beacon Tower – Design & Construction
ODA is currently awaiting the AIP grant.
- Bandon Master Plan
Master Plan work is scheduled to start in September.
- Pavement Evaluation 2014
PCI inspections start in September for 2014 PMP program.

- Statewide Pavement Maintenance Program (PMP 2013 / Construction)
NTP will be issued 9/3/2013. All work is expected to be complete within 45 days.
- Statewide System Planning 2013-2014
ODA is currently awaiting the AIP grant.
- SCIP
Coordination with the FAA and sponsors across the state is ongoing.
- ConnectOregon V
New program work is expected to begin with ODOT in September to coordinate with mode.

Wrap-Up:

Matthew Maass: ODA's Airports Manager, Matthew Maass, finished-up the meeting by briefly going over some of the issues/projects that will ongoing throughout 2013. These included:

- Statewide System Planning Grant for 2013-14
- Awaiting AIP grants
- Statewide Capital Improvement Program
- *ConnectOregon V* (about \$42 million this year).

Meeting ended at 11:30am