

Oregon State Aviation Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2009

Astoria, 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 April 16, 2009, at the Cannery Pier Hotel Union-Fish Conference Room, Astoria, Oregon.

Board Members in attendance included: Board Chair Mark Gardiner, Vice-Chair Chris Corich, Board Members: Steve Beckham, Larry Dalrymple, Nan Garnick, Jack Loacker, and Joe Smith.

Employees in attendance included: ODA Director, Dan Clem; ODA State Airports Manager, Mitch Swecker; ODA Director's Executive Assistant & Board Secretary, Renee Stryker.

Presenters and Guests in attendance included: Airport and Port personnel, Seaside Airport Advisory Committee member; Mead & Hunt staff; the general public.

CALL TO ORDER — INTRODUCTIONS

- The Board members started the morning off with an aviation business hosted breakfast, a tour of the airport, tour of 3 aviation businesses, Coast Guard, and airport hangars, at 7:30 a.m. Chair Mark Gardiner called the meeting to order April 16, 2009, at 10:52 a.m. in the Union-Fish Conference Room.
- Self introductions were made.

Agenda Adjustment: A short presentation by a Seaside Airport Committee member.

ACTION ITEM — Approval of meeting minutes for Feb. 18, 2009.

Motion to approve by Larry Dalrymple

Motion was 2nd Nan Garnick

Motion passed unanimously

Public Comments:

Steve Trefsger, Vice President of Umpqua Bank: provided information of what the bank is offering in regards to aviation financing and aircraft. The bank has funds available for aviation related projects, and in the very near future the bank's website will have an aviation link providing information.

Board Member Activity:

Joe Smith: The Hi-Five Plus 1 Group met with AOPA President Craig Fuller in February. The response to the survey he conducted of the Large Aircraft Security Procedures was very successful. He received comments from FBO's and in addition to the FBO's; many more persons also sent comments that were not in support. He invited the Board to the next OPA meeting in Bend on May 13, 2009, and the August 29, 2009, meeting.

Joe, Dan and Mark had met yesterday with Congressman Wu who was interested in discussing aviation; stability, funding, the FAA, and the LASP Rule.

Jack Loacker: Nothing to report. He did want to thank Dan and the Department for the success of the Commercial Air Service initiative in Oregon.

Chris Corich: nothing to report

Steve Beckham: Also complimented Dan for the success of the Commercial Air Service in Oregon. He also informed the Board that he and associates continue to work on setting up in memory of Bob Strickland, a pilot-program at the Center for Airway Science. The group would purchase an RV12 plane kit; kids would learn to build the plane and then learn to fly in it. They would like to encourage young persons to take an interest in aviation. The group would like to see additional towns, communities, and counties follow suit. They are looking ahead to foresee any obstacles they may run into such as insurance and hopefully have them sorted out so they can proceed when they are ready to move forward.

Nan Garnick: Continues to look for answers to the new TSA badge rule at airports served by air carriers. She has searched diligently and can not come up with clarification to provide to pilots and persons coming to the Redmond Airport. It is not clear what the requirements are and how to go about finding out, also how to proceed with obtaining badges. Larry explained there is a directive from Homeland Security and it is currently on amendment F or G and foresees there will be more until it is clarified in what exactly it is requiring and how one can go about complying to this rule correctly. Also mentioned that when a security badge/clearance is good for one airport, it does not provide security clearance at other airports.

She is also looking to obtain insurance on twin-engine planes used for training their students and is having a hard time finding an insurer.

Larry Dalrymple: spoke of the inaugural flight for the Coastal Air Service to Newport and Astoria, and that the turn-out of the receptions in both communities was great.

Mark Gardiner: he was also on the inaugural coastal air-service flight and said it went real well. He also uses the flights to fly to Seattle and says it's a real timesaver, they land close to town and it works well. He has also been working with the Outreach Industries Council to promote aviation related businesses throughout the state.

Public Comments:

Director Jack Crider, the Port of Astoria thanked the Board and ODA staff for having their Board meeting here and meeting with persons of the local communities.

Commissioner Kathy Sanders also thanked the Board and ODA staff for their coming to these communities and also Dan for his wonderful and successful assistance in facilitating the coastal air service contract.

Presentation by Randall Henderson of the Seaside Airport Committee: Provided the Board with items the committee are involved with at the Seaside Airport: security of the airport, security fencing of the airport, the need for a transport fuel-truck to provide services, ramp project to be repaved, repave and/or move the parking lot, new beacon tower, spruce of the general appearance. The group discussed possible funding options.

CURRENT TOPICS — INFORMATION ITEMS — DAN CLEM

OAP 2007 Update: Explained the draft copy of the Executive Summary, which will be printed and distributed approximately at the end of next month.

Aviation Industries Council: no activity

Outreach ISAS Independence Access Agreements: provided the Board with an update.

Air Events: informed the Board of the events ODA hopes to attend.

Mulino Update: The FAA is reviewing the transfer documents, there are 26 new T-hangers completed.

Wasco Wind Towers: Require a flight pattern change: the south side approach is cut-off.

Land Use Updates: Dan explained the concerns of the City of Aurora, the Marion County Commissioners and Clackamas County over the growth of the Aurora Airport.

Public Comments:

Carl Dominey of the Lower Columbia River Port Community: Explained to the Board the possibility of LNG (liquid natural gas) tanks being installed in the protected air-space of the Astoria Airport. There was much discussion by the group in reference to protected air-space and where the tanks would be located.

continued with Current Topics

State Airports Operations Update — Mitch Swecker

Mitch provided the group with an update and PowerPoint slide of the ODA operation projects currently being worked on.

Current Legislation: This was listed on the agenda as an *Action Item* the Board discussed and decided unanimously not to vote on this.

Biennial Report ACTION ITEM — Dan explained the report to the Board. The Board proceeded to take a vote.

Motion to approve by Larry Dalrymple

Motion was 2nd Nan Garnick

Motion passed unanimously

ODA Current Budget: reviewed the ODA budget spreadsheet in detail to the Board, the current status of the budget, accounts receivables, expenditures, and liabilities. Dan also explained the vastly improved budget functions for the department. On any given day the fiscal manager can obtain the ODA budget balance.

House & Senate Bills: Dan provided an overview to the Board of the house 7 senate bills that pertain to ODA and their current status.

Strategic Planning — Chair Gardiner: He would like to designate possibly an entire future board meeting to spend time developing and discussing the Strategic Planning for the next six years. What does the Board want and expect to be included in the six year strategic plan?

Public Comments:

Ron Larsen provided maps and visuals of the Astoria Airport to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. and ended at 2:50 p.m.

The next OAB teleconference is scheduled for **May 18, 2009, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

The next OAB meeting will be **June 17-18, 2009, in Baker City, Oregon.**