November 4, 2026

To: ODAV Board
From: Robyn Holdman, Friends of Pacific City State Airport, “Friends”
Re: ODAV October 1, 2026 Board Meeting, follow-up comments

ODAV Board,

I had a prior commitment and was unable to participate in the October 1, 2026 Board meeting in person or via the Teams video conference. I did watch the video of the October Board meeting at a later time. The beliefs and opinions that I now share are my own and do not officially represent the Friends of Pacific City State Airport nonprofit organization.

First, I want to thank the Board for its thorough discussion of the Cycle 6 SOAR funding authorized in April 2026 for Pacific City State Airport repairs and improvements. I also want to thank the Board for retaining POP 103 in the proposed ODAV 2027-2029 fiscal year budget.

I also want to express how appreciative I was that the Chair of Friends of Pacific City State Airport was permitted to speak during the Public Comment period at the start of the ODAV Board meeting. Following Mrs. Rissel's one-way communication to the Board, I found myself growing increasingly frustrated and disappointed as I witnessed the ODAV Board and staff then discuss the funding of the airport project in their highly controlled decision "silo."

Several times inaccurate or incomplete information was shared by staff about the airport, Friends of Pacific City State Airport nonprofit organization, and Tillamook County officials. At no time was our nonprofit's leader asked a question or permitted to provide factual information when a correction was needed.

Direct communication between the Board and ODAV constituents is discouraged. Public input to the Board is permitted by submitting a written "Public Comment" via the ODAV website or speaking for 2 minutes at the start of the meeting. ODAV constituents and airport Stakeholders can express our issues, needs and concerns to staff but this information is later "filtered" if and when it's shared with the Board. Only one side of a story is being told with no debate permitted. This creates a dilemma for the Board, as I would imagine that Board members expect and request full and factual information to make informed decisions that affect communities where State airports are located.

I found it unfortunate that the Board found it easy to identify and blame Tillamook County officials and Friends of Pacific City State Airport for any shortcomings for and governmental disagreements surrounding the State owned airport. Fingers were pointed, accusations were made, and the individuals with the knowledge and factual information to address the concerns sat there muted and growing increasingly frustrated. This type of decision-making process doesn’t foster or permit respectful dialogue

leading to informed and collaborative agreements. Rather it will seed doubt and resentment by those who are purposefully excluded.

I want to address a few of the ODAV staff and Board's statements, which are paraphrased:

"Friends of Pacific City State Airport hasn't done its part to protect the airport" – we are a nonprofit organization run by volunteers who are given authority through an MOU to work with ODAV to maintain the airport, identify and raise outside funding, conduct educational programs and promotional efforts. Separate from being invited to participate in a couple of all community meetings about the airport, we have not been invited to participate in any of the meetings that ODAV and Tillamook County have held to discuss conflicting land use issues. We are not included in any meetings with engineers and contractors hired to suggest and make repairs and improvements to the airport. To insinuate that we have shirked a responsibility that we are not given is not accurate or fair. In fact, it wasn't until a **June 3, 2026** meeting between ODAV staff and "Friends" leadership that an official request was made of our team to approach Tillamook County officials and coastal legislators to request compliance with the ODAV updated protection zone setbacks.

We did what we were asked by ODAV
In September 2026, the "Friends" Board of Directors sent letters to Tillamook County Commissioners and our two coastal legislators requesting that airport land use issues be addressed and resolved. Senator Weber promptly responded, offering her assistance to facilitate a positive discussion and outcome for the disagreement. Senator Weber's letter was included in the ODAV Board October meeting packet, but was never mentioned during the meeting.

"Tillamook County Commissioners are not willing to compromise and to update their land use laws for the airport protection zone" – "Friends" leadership observed a July 29, 2026 Tillamook County Commission work session where ODAV was invited to present information about the airport and to share concerns about land use laws and encroachment. The commissioners repeatedly invited ODAV to work with them to find a creative solution that would address airport protection and respect private property rights. At no point did they state that they weren't willing to work toward a compromise. They did express frustration that after 2 years of occasional meetings between the County and State government officials, little progress had been made. They inquired if the right ODAV representative was present in the room, asking to interact with someone who could make decisions on behalf of the agency.

"Our agency will be seeking additional funding during the upcoming legislative session and I have a concern that some legislators may not believe that this and other State airport projects are considered as a wise use of public funds" – on December 10, 2024, the ODAV Director and State Airport Manager were invited to meet at the State Capitol with three coastal legislators. These legislators inquired why the balance of Cycle 3 SOAR funding ($430,000) authorized for Pacific City State Airport had not been spent on the drainage system repairs and airplane parking improvements after 4 years. ODAV staff assured legislators that the project planning would begin in 2025 and that additional SOAR funding

would be proposed within the 2027-2029 agency budget to add an emergency access road. Have these legislators been informed by ODAV staff that they don't believe that repairing and improving the State airport is a worthwhile project?

Friends of Pacific City State Airport values our partnership with ODAV and will do our best to facilitate communication with governmental agencies, associations and nonprofit organizations. We should be praised for our commitment to aviation, and not used as a scapegoat for governments that are in conflict.