

## Seaside Airport Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting  
September 25, 2012

Meeting called to order by Committee Vice Chair Roy Bennett at 18:05hrs at Seaside City Hall.

**Members present:** Roy Bennett, Councilwoman Diane Widdop, Councilman Don Johnson, Neal Wallace, Bruce Francis, Tracy MacDonald, Steve Phillips and Randall Henderson,

**Members Absent:** Wally Hamer

**Guests Present:** Teri Carpenter, Shane Morgan, Roger DeLong, Jim Byrnes and Rainse Anderson

**Review of Minutes:** Motion by Steve Phillips and a second by Tracy MacDonald to approve the July 24, 2012 minutes. Motion Passed.

Neal Wallace thanks the committee for a job well done on a very successful BBQ.

### **Infrastructure / Improvements:**

Rainse Anderson of WH Pacific advised the committee that Phase I of the drainage project is complete with the partial replacement of drain tile and avigation easements. Phase II of the drainage project to be completed by Big River Excavating within the next 45 days weather permitting. Balance of Phase II to include the tree removal on private property to the north in accordance with the avigation easements. The removal to begin after October 1st which is the end of bird nesting season. Tree removal on the Sisseck property due to bee activity will begin after November 1st which is the end of the active bee season. Property owners have requested that the removed trees be cut into firewood and left for their use. Contractor wants to remove the trees as saleable timber and replace the wood of those trees with equal volume of already cut and split season firewood.

CIP Update. The Airport Subcommittee recommended to the committee the following priorities: 1) Flood Control (beaver dams), 2) Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), 3) Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI), 4) Runway Lighting upgrade from low intensity to medium intensity with pilot controlled activation, 5) Widen runway to 60 feet.

CIP update items discussed with Rainse Anderson of WH Pacific. 1) Flood Control can be mitigated using local agencies such as the Necanicum Watershed Council, CREST, and North Coast Land Conservancy as resources. 2) Rainse Anderson advises that an AWOS would cost about \$35,000 to install. Rainse Anderson was asked about AWOS maintenance costs and he said he didn't know typical cost but that in one case it was \$12,000 yr. Due to the high maintenance cost of the system more research needs to be done on the AWOS. 3) Question about the PAPI was asked if there is adequate space to install the system on either side of the runway taking in consideration the possibility of future runway widening. Rainse advised there is adequate space. 4) Runway lighting upgrade possible prior to widening the runway without having to relocate lights. Rainse informed the committee that the lights can be set out far enough to accommodate future runway widening, 5) The subcommittee doesn't consider runway widening a high priority. Randall Henderson talked to Hillsboro Aviation's two chief flight instructors and their response was that Seaside's narrower-than-standard width doesn't factor in any determination whether to send students to Seaside for training or not.

Motion was made by Steve Phillips to accept the CIP subcommittee recommendations also to include the current pavement management program. Motion second was made by Diane Widdop, motion passed.

CIP updates are due to be submitted to the FAA in November. Rainse Anderson did advise the committee of some items that the FAA would like the committee to consider. 1) Fencing along the west side of the runway adjacent to the trailer park, 2) Fencing along the east side to keep critters off the runway, 3) Trees along the east side of the airport are they in compliance with the clear airspace requirement.

Rainse Anderson informed the committee that a pavement management/preservation study shows that the program is working. Slurry sealer seals the cracks which helps keep water out and prevent further cracking along with providing some UV protection to prolong the surface. Seaside is due next year at no cost to the city which costs between \$10-20,000 which is paid by FAA dollars allocated to Seaside Airport.

**Safety and Security:** Randall Henderson reports that a 10 digit key pad lock for the pedestrian gate would cost between \$400-700, Randall to continue research on a more affordable system.

**Sub-Committee:** To continue brainstorming about promotion and on other amenities such as bicycles, shelters, etc.

**Commercial Operations:** None

**Committee Member Reports:** Airport BBQ a big success with estimates of 75-80 attendees and 25-30 visiting aircraft. Seaside was also a poker-run stop for one of the EAA chapters from the valley. Some suggestions were made to have more garbage cans and to have a donation jar. Airport BBQ not a public event and is open to invitation only.

**For the Good of the Order:** John Twiss of Twiss Aviation in Astoria passed away and a memorial to be held October 21st at the Twiss Aviation hangar at 1:00pm.

Tracy MacDonald to send condolences from the committee.

Wally Hamer to resign from the committee.

Next meeting October 23rd if Rainse Anderson needs to meet with the committee again prior to CIP submittal.

Committee to be informed if the meeting is necessary.

Guest Jim Byrnes who is a resident of the adjacent trailer park states that the park is a 62 and older park and disagrees with the FAA requesting a fence between the trailer park and airport. Mr. Byrnes also states that many of the residents help keep an eye out on the airport and report unusual activity at the airport to the police.

**Next Meeting:** Every other month schedule - **NEXT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, November 27, 2012, Seaside City Hall, 6pm.** If additional meetings need to be held they will remain the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned 19:15hrs.

Minutes by Roy Bennett,  
Vice-Chair/Secretary