

Seaside Airport Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting

January 26, 2016

Meeting called to order by Committee Chairman Randall Henderson at 18:05 hrs at the Seaside City Hall.

Members present: Randall Henderson, Roy Bennett, Dale McDowell, Gearhart Mayor Dianne Widdop, Steve Phillips, Bruce Francis, and Tracy MacDonald.

Members Absent: Teri Carpenter, Councilman Randy Frank

Guests Present: Pommel Popoff, Jeff Gouce, R.J. Marx, John Dudley

Review of Minutes: Motion made by Dianne Widdop and second by Steve Phillips to approve the November 24, 2015 minutes. Motion Passed.

Election of Officers: Motion made by Steve Phillips to retain current officers. Motion second by Dianne Widdop. Motion Passed to retain Randall Henderson as Committee Chair and Roy Bennett as Committee Vice Chair and Secretary.

Infrastructure / Improvements:

Project 2015 update: Project moving along slow due to weather conditions and high water. FAA would like to have more justification to put Seaside back on the funding list. Possibly get LifeFlight and Coast Guard to help convince FAA. Possibly some FAA funding may come from drone registrations. Dale McDowell looking into phone and internet connection for the airport to support weather information and web cams. Possibly use any extra space in electrical building to store loaner bikes.

Port of Astoria News: No Port news. Port needs to be contacted to ask about their budget hearing agenda and possibly send a representative to discuss South County needs.

Maintenance, Safety and Security: Rotating beacon green light is inop. Public Works has ordered a new pedestrian gate lock.

Drone Safety: Guest Jeff Guace, part-time Gearhart resident, gave a static demonstration of his Phantom III quad copter camera platform. Drone controlled remotely by F.P.V. (first person video). Line of sight to fly near an airport and maintain a minimum 5 mile radius from airport and not to exceed a 400' ceiling. Also to fly in the vicinity of an airport you must contact the local municipality of your intentions. To fly a drone commercially the pilot is required to a certification equivalent to a private pilot's license. Committee look to AOPA and AMA to establish rules for drone use. All organizations are still trying to clarify things as many are unclear. Bruce Francis believes we should wait and see what AOPA and AMA come up and changes are still being made. Altitude reporting may be a requirement. Bruce suggests that drone operators call Seaside police dispatch to report their intentions to satisfy the requirement to contact the local municipality. Bruce states that a light aircraft hitting a 2.5 pound drone mid air would not damage the light aircraft enough to bring it down. Drone not so lucky.

Promotion & Services: On airport camping table. Reader board leaking and needs some caulking. Tsunami evacuation information needs to be included on board.

Commercial Operations: Tabled till summer to send letter to Jim Grant.

Guest Comments: Pommel Popoff informed committee that this year the flooding and driftwood seems to be higher than usual. High tides and lot of rain have been a major contributing factor. Also Pommel

reports that some open holes from the fence project still need to be filled.

For the Good of the Order: None

Next Meeting: Every other month schedule - **NEXT REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Seaside City Hall, 6 pm.** If additional meetings need to be held they will remain the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned 19:20 hrs.

Minutes by Roy Bennett,
Vice-Chair/Secretary

