

Minutes
Seaside Municipal Airport Committee
August 2, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Christine Binnicker, Joyce Hunt, Dale McDowell, Roy Bennett, Randall Henderson, Dianne Widdop, Randy Frank, Mark Tolan, Bruce Francis via Zoom.

Guests Present: Jeff Gage, Till

Call to order 6:15 pm

New committee member Christine Binnicker was welcomed from Minnesota and Denver with experience in city works. Mark Tolan's first meeting as well. Introductions all around.

Minutes from March were approved unanimously, Bruce made the motion and Joyce seconded

No Additions to the agenda

Guest introductions, comments from the floor

Infrastructure / Improvements / Funding

Federal & state projects/grants, CIP, PMP: Dale reported that PMP appears to be a continuing casualty of Covid-related staffing issues with ODA. Other than that, nothing new to report on federal or state grants or projects.

City budgeted projects (fire lane, tie-downs, pavement): Tie-down chains are scheduled be installed in the fall. The fire lane has been striped. The last thing on the shed is the electrical (heater, lights, outlets) which is waiting on Inland Electric to complete. The airport layout plan update (mainly showing where new hangars might go) has been submitted to FAA, expect 30-90 days to response. Clean sweep is lined up for pavement repairs alongside other jobs around town for the city. Gate opener problems were resolved with fresh batteries.

Port of Astoria request: Bruce will present a request for funds in September.

Maintenance / Safety / Security

Airside (runway/taxiways, navigational aids: wind socks, beacon, lights/reflectors): North windsock has been replaced and all items in functioning order.

Groundskeeping: City crew mowed twice and Terry continues to do supplemental mowing keeping things in nice shape, appreciation was voiced. Teri plans to move and is expected to take her mower, committee members and others are willing to take that on, getting a riding mower and sharing the load. May request some help with equipment needs.

Trespassing & Security: No known issues

Cameras/website/internet: Randy will talk to Josh Heineman about the visitor bureau helping to fund internet services that support the weather report for Seaside and visitors via from our log book.

Condition of gates, locks, fencing, signage: No known issues

Operations

Local: Locals appear to be flying the usual amount

Visitors/logs: Randall reports appears slow since the fly-in; maybe high gas prices?

Commercial (charters, air tours): Randall reports getting occasional inquiries about air service, and sees charters come in from time to time including 2 Kenmore turbine offers recently. He contacted some air charter operators is putting together a list to post on the website and reader board.

Military: Dale reports one military helicopter, a big Chinook that landed in the grass

Services / Promotion / Events

2022 fly-in debrief: Went great, lots of planes, beautiful day. Food was fantastic. Volunteers did a great job. Randy suggests a thank you card to volunteers and Randall will let Roy know how many, Mark will put together a design and Roy will print them for the committee to sign at the next meeting.

Shed: Nothing new to report

Bikes & equipment: Dale reports police dropped off another bike, and Randall added two. Now there are 8 ready to go plus two folding bikes inside and a kids bike that may need tire repair. We have plenty of bikes and they get a lot of use, much appreciated by visitors.

Signage, reader boards, city maps, sign-in box: Randall reports the outside reader board is now up and a cork board is also installed inside to hang information.

Hangars: Dale reports FAA is still stalled on getting approval for the private hanger. This may hinge on their review / approval of the ALP update. Randall reiterated that our future funding depends on getting more based aircraft i.e. more hangars, and aircraft in the existing ones. Public funding and operation of hangars here is unlikely, so private investment is the most likely way to get there.

Website & social media: nothing new to report

Regulatory Review

Airport zoning / Gearhart: Dianne has not talked to the city about zoning change of the part of the airport that is in Gearhart city limits, and plans to.

Committee member reports: nothing to report

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Randall reported Oregon Pilots Association Letter was received looking for candidates for coast region director.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 pm

Next scheduled meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Location: City Hall