

Agenda
Seaside Municipal Airport Committee
July 22, 2025
6:15 P.M.
Seaside Municipal Airport

Call to order

Members present: Joyce Hunt, William Walthour, Christine Binnicker, Sharon Kloepfer, Paul Stull, Randall Henderson, Bruce Francis

Members absent: Roy Bennett

Guests: Jeff Gage

Approve minutes from previous meeting - unanimous

Additions to the agenda - none

Open committee position – still open, Seaside Resident a requirement per current ordinance. RH reiterated that it doesn't need to be a pilot, members please think about who to recruit.

Comments from the floor

Infrastructure / Improvements / Funding

City work plan items – PS's work plan reviewed, mostly maintenance-based including cutting brush on East side and along Oster Rd., purchasing rubber mats to surround light posts and signs, repair/replacement of runway lights, ordering of reflectors, wind sock pole replacement, spraying the weeds, south end debris barrier, placing hazard markers. Volunteers may do some weed clearing; PS will have PW pick up any vegetation debris that gets collected. WW noted some tie-down chains are unconnected, he will take that on to get shackles and replace a few chains. WW also volunteered to make wheel chocks for visitors' use.

Airport budget – PS will provide financial reports at future meetings.

State & COAR - No news from the State except paving in 2026. Discussed possibility of applying for a state COAR grant during the application period in October – would be for obstruction removal, possibly NE perimeter fencing. PS expressed that it's a possibility but no certainty.

Federal & CIP - Seattle FAA ADO rep Mary Vargas has reached out, to PS; scheduling a meet with PS, R& WW to talk about FAA funding & CIP.

Hangars – Continued discussion about how to get more hangars, and private vs public. FAA funding for that is remote but not out of the question, will discuss during FAA mtg.

Maintenance / Safety / Security

Airside – 4 missing RWY lights. Striping is significantly faded.

Groundskeeping – Hangar tenant ML has been clearing the blackberries behind the hangar. Large pile of yard debris from the south side of the fence; PS will look into it. Weeds are getting bad on the taxiway and A/C parking area, and some Vinegar/salt mix has been sprayed selectively. JH will talk to the Necanicum Watershed Council re. non-herbicide weed control and mitigation of flooding from beaver dams in the east airport drainage ditch.

RH reported that the pedestrian gate lock is still inoperative.

Obstructions – PS still plans to have city crews prune N end brush if time and resources allow.

Operations

Normal amount of local and visitor activity. Visitors logs included a number of positive comments about the airport and bikes. Some flight training and at least one charter observed. ODART exercise in June, HAM radio folks set up a base and volunteer pilot brought in 'emergency supplies'; city emergency director was present, all around a success here and across the state. RH reached out to Daily A with pictures and narrative, no joy.

Services / Promotion / Events

Seaside's weather cameras are now on ForeFlight, kind of a big deal and even more helpful to pilots for safety & flight planning.

EAA chapter 105 poker run is September 13 with Seaside as a stop. We will do the normal drill depending on the weather, and RH will coordinate via email with the usual suspects.

Regulatory

Committee policy/bylaws discussion: proposed bylaws were reviewed and committee discussed how to align the 'Friends' group's collection of funds and providing amenities with city policy. We're close on all of those fronts but enough uncertainty with details that the committee voted to hold a separate work session to finalize; will send recommended bylaws with a cover letter to the council.

Dates

Next COAR grant period October 2025

Next CIP update when?

Next airport meeting Tuesday September 23, 2025 - at the airport

Committee member reports & good of the order

Airport tenant TC's Bellanca Cruisair restoration project has made it into the air

RH recently acquired commercial pilot certificate

Adjourned at 7:40 pm