

**MINUTES**  
**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, April 21, 2010**  
**Fire Station 6, EMS Division, 2742 25<sup>th</sup> Street SE**  
**6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Tim Hay	Mary Ann Lebold	Ron Peters
Major Brian Huston	Jim Harr	Jim Wall
James Nafziger	Mark Renaud	
Darr Goss		
	<b>Staff Present</b>	
	Alan Alexander	
	Kathy Sime	
	<b>Air Traffic Control Staff</b>	

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tim Hay called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

Tim Hay – Here  
 Mark Renaud – Absent  
 Major Brian Huston - Here  
 Darr Goss - Here  
 Mary Ann Lebold - Absent - excused  
 Jim Harr – Absent  
 James Nafziger – Here

Major Brian Huston is filling in for Lt. Col. Ulvin.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

James Nafziger made a Motion to approve the March 10, 2010 Minutes. Darr Goss seconded the Motion and the Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

There were no comments or persons wishing to address the Airport Advisory Commission.

## **5. REPORTS**

### **a. Tower Chief Report**

Cindy Ford was unable to attend. Alan Alexander gave the following report: Traffic count for March 2010 was 3000, a decrease of 866 operations under March 2009. The busy day was 232 operations. Alan stated that there were no incidents or accidents in March, 2010. Alan stated that the weather and the economy are the reason for low operations.

Alan stated that Cindy Ford has a conflict with scheduling for the next couple months and will be unable to attend the AAC Meetings or the Airport Noise Work Group meetings. Mary Ann Lebold injured her elbow and is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

### **b. Airport Noise Work Group**

Alan stated that an information report went to Council and a copy of that report was distributed to the AAC. Alan stated that the noise group discusses issues with airport operators. Last year 93% of the complaints came from three households. Alan recommended that the Airport Noise Work Group continue to meet while there is a necessity.

Jim Nafziger stated that he feels the committee is effective and is grateful that the work group will continue. He thinks it is a benefit to the community. Jim asked about the aviation easement with the developer of the Fairview area. Alan stated that some issues were raised. A new draft of the Easement is being reviewed by the developer. Alan stated that there was some opposition to the easement. Alan pointed out that the Easement protects both the buyer and seller to divulge the properties' proximity to the airport. Alan stated that the City has many easements already and the easement would be voluntary. Alan stated that if the Fairview area is successful, the easement will be used for other sites near the airport. Jim stated that it is better to be proactive rather than reactive. The easements not only involve noise, but also height restrictions.

There were four noise complaints for March from three households.

### **c. Airport Terminal Expansion**

The bids for the terminal expansion are out and there will be an addendum to include some changes. The goal is to have the terminal renovations complete prior to the possible return of air service.

### **d. Connect Oregon III Update**

Alan reported that the process is proceeding and if successful, there would be four daily flights to Seattle, Washington. Alan explained the process and how the different areas ranked the project. The different regions evaluate the projects in their area and all

projects will eventually go before the final review committee. There were 97 total applications. Alan stated that having a good ranking coming from our region will help the final process. The final decision will be made by the Oregon Transportation Commission in August, 2010. Alan stated that many of the projects are very good projects and there is a lot of competition.

**e. Master Plan Update**

Alan reported that the first phase of the Master Plan Update has been completed. All information has been provided to the FAA. The FAA has required a lot of specific information and has reviewed all the information. The project should be complete within two years.

**f. FAA Appropriation Status**

Alan reported that the airport is in a unique situation this year regarding the appropriation status. The FAA collects funds through airline ticket sales. The airport receives some funding through Airport Improvement Funding. Alan stated that the airport is eligible for one million dollars this year. The funds are authorized and released in phases. Alan explained the process and how the FAA budget is processed. Salem Airport is entitled to ½ million the first half of the year and the other ½ million is currently in limbo waiting for congress to approve the funding.

Tim asked if the FAA funding is included in the budget. Alan stated that it is included in the construction fund.

Alan stated that the project is very specific in how the funds can be used. The airport was able to complete many projects this past year.

**g. Other Reports**

Alan stated that Hot August Flights will be on August 7, 2010. Ron Peters stated that there will be a breakfast to support the Civil Air Patrol. There will be many aircraft, including antique aircraft as well automobiles. Ron stated that the turnout was very good last year and they expect even a larger crowd this year.

Alan stated that the airport budget hearing will be next Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

**6. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Brian Houston reported that the Oregon National Guard will host an open house on August 28, 2010 for their new facility.

**7. CHAIRS REPORT**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tim Hay **adjourned the meeting** at 6:40 pm

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tim Hay, Chair  
Airport Advisory Commission

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