

**SUMMARY**  
**AIRPORT NOISE WORK GROUP**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2010**  
**Terminal Building, Salem/McNary Field**  
**6:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Stacey Cochran	Cindy Ford	None
Jim Graham	Lt. Colonel Mark Ulvin	
Ken Hetsel	Steve Larsen	
Mary Ann Lebold		
	<b>Staff Present</b>	
	Alan Alexander	

Alan Alexander, Airport Administrator, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Alexander distributed copies of the April 2010 operations report and the summary of the April 7 meeting.

Alan talked about the Youth in Construction Fair that was held at the Salem Airport on May 4, 2010. There were 650 high school students attending. There were many vendors providing hands-on experience to the students.

April 2010 operations are lower than April 2009 operations. Mr. Alexander believes that this is due to the weather conditions not favorable to VFR operations during April. There were 25 days with rain during the month. There were no accidents and there was one bird strike.

There were two noise complaints during April 2010. One fixed wing and one helicopter.

Alan reported that the FAA accepted the justification for the Runway Extension. The FBO assisted in providing necessary and valuable information regarding operations at the Airport. The next step will involve the environmental assessment. The extension to the runway will be a maximum of 1,000 feet. Alan stated that the extension may be beneficial to the residents in the Morningside neighborhood as well as the neighbors to the North. Aircraft landing from the Northwest may not need to use the reverse thrusts as hard due to the extra runway which will cut down on noise. There will be an increased safety area off the end of runway 13.

They will do a full environmental assessment as well as study the acoustical impact of a runway extension. The ILS will need to be relocated as well as the approach lights. The first step was gaining FAA concurrence to justify the need for the extension. Alan is unsure when the environmental assessment will be done.

The Airport applied for a grant along with Klamath Falls Airport and North Bend Airport to bring air service back to Salem before the end of the calendar year. The reviews and rankings have been strong, but it is a very competitive process. There would be four flights per day in 30-passenger turbo prop planes. Noise should not be an issue. The main change is the security requirements. Allegiant Airlines may have an interest in Salem. The chartered airlines could return to Salem as well.

Jim Graham noted that there would be some night work coming up as well as some special training during the day hours. Mary Ann asked about the Learn to Fly day. Jim stated that no rides offered at the Learn to Fly Day. Jim stated that they are advertising in print as well as radio. Learn to Fly Day is on their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Airport.

Ken Hetsel, Stacy Cochran and Mary Ann Lebold had nothing to bring to the Work Group from the neighborhoods they represent. Stacy did inquire about the larger planes that could be coming to Salem Airport. Alan stated that Allegiant flies an MD80. He stated that they fly out of Eugene, Redmond and Medford and are very low cost to fly and are very popular.

Stacy Cochran said that her “term” representing the neighborhood association is up and she will be stepping down her position. Alan thanked her for her participation in the work group. Alan also mentioned the volunteer recognition in July that all of the Work Group will be invited.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 2, 2010.