

2005 WAMA Fall Business Meeting

October 6, 2005

Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

**DRAFT **

Introductions

- Jerry Kilpatrick (in Jeff Robb's absence) called the meeting to order and welcomed new and existing members with an introduction of the board. Jerry then asked if new members and guests would introduce themselves.
- 2005 Spring Business Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Robb Parish

- Robb provided a breakdown of expenses and revenues in the WAMA account. Currently WAMA has a net worth of \$52,124.09. Of that amount, WAMA has \$43,130.95 in the checking account and \$8,993.14 in CDs.
- Motion made and seconded to approve Treasurer's Report.
- Motion Approved.

Old Business

- Wetlands and Storm Water Committee – Stan Allison, WSDOT Aviation
 - Stan noted that a grant is expected from the FAA to do a study on the wetland/stormwater issue as it relates to airports. Study would look at alternative methods. There was an attempt to apply Florida's system as a guideline but Florida's system ended up not being really applicable.
 - Stan asked, in an effort to determine the importance of the program, if there were any airports that currently had issues with Ecology. A number of airports spoke up.
 - Bill Dolan from Paine Field said that they may have an issue coming up in the future as they move towards designing a regional stormwater system.
 - Stan from Jefferson County Intl. Airport said that they have an AIP project where the issue is the Department of Ecology wants them to stay away from Wetlands. Also there is an issue on whether or not to line the ponds. Stan also pointed out that the Corps of Engineers is saying that drainage ponds are wetlands.
 - Orcas is currently working on an issue and may be having discussions with the State and a representative from Kelso Longview said that they would be requiring assistance.
 - Laurence Schafer from the USDA introduced himself and stated that they have been working on pond issues and how to design ponds on airports so as not to attract birds.
 - Jerry asked Stan Allison how airports might be able to speed up the program to study the wetland/stormwater issue on airports. Stan replied that WSDOT is still waiting for the grant from the FAA, but consultant selection should not be a problem.
 - Reinhart Jung from Reid Middleton mentioned that Port Townsend had put in a stormwater system that was supposed to have been adequate enough for the entire airport; however, new regulations now state that that is no longer the case. The system now has to be modified which is going to be costly.
- Land Use Compatibility – John Sibold, WSDOT Aviation
 - John stated that this issue will be competing for funding.

- Mead & Hunt conducted a survey of airports in which they got a 33% response rate. Issues raised by the airports included the applicability of the safety data and the fact that the State's recommendations were being viewed by some as requirements.
- In 2006 there has been money set aside to have the plan updated. There is also a MOU with the FAA to identify common issues. The idea is to have States realize that land use compatibility is one of the biggest issues facing airports.
- Carol Key from the FAA stated that the Advisory Circulars on Model Ordinance and on System and Master Planning are being revised as part of the issue.
- Jerry Kilpatrick said that the FAA, WSDOT and Airports need to work as a team on the issue; progress has been made and needs to continue.
- Aviation Education – Nisha Hanchinamani, WSDOT
 - Nisha provided an update on WSDOT's Aviation Education Program. Pilot and mechanic registration fees have been eliminated so WSDOT has had to update priorities; currently Airport Appreciation Days and Airport Management Seminars are the focus. WSDOT has developed a toolkit for airports in putting together Airport Appreciation Days and will be looking for input on the toolkit. Nisha noted that the Museum of Flight is a good source for kids programs.
 - Nisha also noted that WSDOT would be working with WAMA to take Museum of Flight events to communities.
 - Stan Allison remarked that many airports are under attack and that one reason this is so is because many people don't understand the value of airports. He stated that is why Airport Appreciation Days are so important.
 - Jerry Kilpatrick mentioned that his airport gives tours to the community.
 - John Sibold mentioned that there needs to be a unified approach/effort by stakeholders to protect airports.
 - David Miller with Century West stated that he teaches Airport Management courses at Central Washington University and invited WAMA members to talk to the classes.

New Business

- Special Assessments
 - Robb Parish noted that the name did not accurately represent the purpose of the assessments, so the name of the assessments has been changed to Legislative Assessments.
- Small Community Air Service Grant Award
 - Jerry Kilpatrick asked if there were any comments from the membership.
 - Port of Orcas asked for suggestions on where communities could get the required money for the program. Mike Boggs from Mead & Hunt stated that the money could come from any variety of sources except airports.
 - Jerry Kilpatrick stated that if there were no objections, he and Robb Parish would continue to serve on the steering committee. There were no objections.
- Wildlife Management Training Proposal
 - Jerry Kilpatrick stated that Laurence Schafer from the USDA has suggested providing the required wildlife training for Part 139 Airports at WAMA Conferences. Everybody involved in wildlife control at these airports is required to have the training every 12 months but USDA staff is limited. Right now USDA staff has to go to each individual airport. One central location, such as the WAMA conference, would help out a lot.

- Jerry Kilpatrick asked if it was possible to just have supervisors trained and then allow those supervisors to train their staff. Laurence Schafer said he does not think so, everyone involved needs to attend.
- Robb Parish stated he supported the idea and Jerry Kilpatrick said WAMA would do some more work on it.
- Laurence Schafer stated that his agency's conference expenses would need to be covered.

→ Election of Board Members and Officers

- Ron Foraker presented to the membership the Nominating Committee's nominations for WAMA Board Members and Officers. The nominations included:

Jerry Kilpatrick	President
Robb Parish	Vice President
Pat Moore	Treasurer
Michael Cheyne	Secretary
Marv Kinney	Board Position #1
Ryan Zulauf	Board Position #2

- Ron Foraker then asked for nominations from the floor of which there were none. The motion was made, seconded and approved to elect the individuals nominated by the Nominating Committee.

→ Spring Conference 2006

- Bill Dolan from Paine Field stated that the conference would be held in the new hotel at Paine Field adjacent to the new Future of Flight Exhibit.

→ Fall Conference 2006

- A tri-state conference in Bend, Oregon was proposed.

Committee Reports

→ Legislative – Jerry Kilpatrick

- Jerry stated that on September 23 a trapping stakeholder meeting was held. Susie Tracy had suggested that WAMA draft legislation as a stand-alone bill, which was done and presented at the trapping meeting. The Humane Society supports the position that airports are taking.
- Jerry noted that with airports drafting their own legislation it is both good and bad. The legislation is good in that it protects airports, but is bad in that it alienates other groups.

→ Regulatory/Planning – Michael Cheyne

- Michael stated that the update of the FAA's Advisory Circular on Master Planning has been completed and the document is pretty good. Michael said that the issue of allowing airports to use the FAA's Terminal Area Forecast as a forecasting tool rather than airports doing their own forecasts is still being worked on. Carol Key stated that the FAA needs airports to justify their use of the FAA's Terminal Area Forecast.

- The issue of 4F Facilities and those facilities' potential to restrict use of airport property in the future was brought up.

→ General Aviation – Penni Loomis

- Penni asked John Sibold from WSDOT about the status of studies that are being conducted by the TSA concerning general aviation airports. John said there is a bill being proposed that would require all airports to have security plans and to pay an annual fee to Homeland Security. WSDOT does not support the bill.
- Penni stated that high fuel prices are hurting general aviation.

- The Community Airport Association met the previous week with the focus being on risk management.
 - John Sibold encouraged airports to apply for a safety grant from WSDOT. He said many airports need updated striping, especially hold lines, and runway signs. He further stated that all airports need a security plan of some sort and that WSDOT has a template.
- Newsletter
- Jerry Kilpatrick thanked those individuals who had submitted articles for the newsletter.

→ Membership – Dale Carman

- Dale stated that current membership numbers are consistent with past years and encouraged members to keep WAMA updated when contact information changes.

→ Scholarship/Internship – Reinhart Jung

- Reinhart ran through the programs being recommended by the WAMA Education Committee, focusing on what each program entails and the estimated cost of each program. The programs recommended include: Scholarship Program, Community Aviation Education, Airport Internship Program and Professional Development. Total annual cost is estimated at \$4,500.
- Reinhart asked the membership to approve the Community Aviation Education Program conceptually since the program is still being worked on and then asked for approval of the other programs as well.
- Michael Cheyne asked why the University of North Dakota (UND) was selected as one of the recipient schools for the WAMA scholarship funds. Reinhart noted that some of the airport interns in the area have come from UND, and further noted that other schools will be looked at as well in the future.
- John Sibold suggested sending the scholarship information to the administration departments at the universities to get the word out.
- Jerry Kilpatrick asked for a motion to approve the programs. A motion was made, seconded and was approved.

Other Business

- John Sibold stated that WSDOT is considering increasing the grant level from \$250,000 to \$300,000 although this would require airports to be audited. He said he wanted input from WAMA on the idea.

Meeting Adjourned