

2005 WAMA Spring Business Meeting
June 2, 2005
Richland, WA

Introductions

- Jeff Robb called the meeting to order and introduced WAMA Board members and Executive officers.
 - New members and guests introduced themselves and are: Mike Conley from the Department of Homeland Security, J.R. Norveu from Toothman-Orton Engineering Company, Buck Taylor with Yakima Air Terminal, Larry Mason from Lewis County Airport, Mike Wren from Port of Ephrata, Bruce Fisher from Renton Municipal Airport, Darren Murata from W&H Pacific, and Bonnie Hilory from the Museum of Flight.
 - The 2005 Fall Business Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Robb Parish

- Robb explained three items on the Treasurer's Report.
 - (1) The IRS misapplied WAMA's tax deposits and refunded \$1,658.92.
 - (2) The 2005 Fall Conference brought in more revenue than expected at \$6,755.98.
 - (3) WAMA has committed \$2,500 as matching funds for the Small Community Air Service Development Grant application.
- There being no questions, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business

- Land Use Compatibility – Robb Parish, John Sibold
 - Robb reported that the Land Use Committee has not met since last Business Meeting.
 - John reported that a Draft report of the state of Land Use in the State has been completed and more work is moving forward.
- Wetlands Storm Water Committee – Jerry Kilpatrick, Stan Allison
 - Stan mentioned three action items for the committee. (1) Have an MOU between state agencies. The MOU will be focused on after the Manual is developed. (2) Have a special task force to convene to deal with special circumstances at airports requesting help. He noted that a special task force has yet to be needed. (3) Develop the Storm Water Manual. He reported that a lot of work has been put into the manual and progress is being made. He noted that Airport's need to be uniquely dealt with because of their special characteristics and situations. WSDOT has stepped forward to help and might use Florida's guidelines as a model due to Florida's similar characteristics to Washington.
 - Jeff Robb echoed concern that airports should not be penalized in projects such as pavement overlays.
- WAMA Bylaws – Jeff Robb reported that the updated Bylaws are available on www.wama.us
- WA Aviation System Plan Update Working Group – John Sibold
 - John Sibold reported that WSDOT Aviation is updating the aviation system plan to better decide where to target investments. Airports will be categorized because of the different types of airports. Because of the reduction in the 2005 AIP budget, airports and WSDOT Aviation need to plan on how to best invest in the system. Funds need to be targeted by looking at the system as a whole and deciding where to invest. He encouraged airports to contact their representatives responsible in updating their regional transportation plans and have Airports identified as "essential public facilities."
 - John Shambaugh reported that criteria to develop classifications will be done by this

summer and before new legislation. He commented that most regions are in the process of updating their regional transportation plan and encouraged airports to contact their representative to ensure inclusion.

New Business

- Small Community Air Service Grant Application (joint application)
 - Jeff Robb recapped this issue from the 2004 Fall WAMA conference and listed three components. (1) Education – Airport managers need to educate the community about air service through commissions, councils, and community outreach (i.e. mentoring program). Risk for airlines entering a new markets need to be addressed. (2) Passenger Demand Study – Those communities wanting service need to know their demand for air service. The WSDOT Aviation system plan will be helpful in “putting dots on airports that can support flights.” (3) Implementation – Airport managers need to take gathered information and access the network that will help an operator start up commercial operations.
 - Discussion with the following highlights:
 - The board chose to support the application with \$2,500. Oregon Department of Aviation is the sponsor with the support of WSDOT Aviation, OAMA, and WAMA.
 - Everyone is encouraged to read the application. The application is well written and tells the state of the industry.
 - The end result of the study will provide airports with a “tool kit” on deciding on air service. It can be used to educate the community on the air service economic spin off. Passenger/Demand analysis will be put in one document and can better show the market and where air service is viable.
 - WSDOT grants are awarded in September, so more information will be available at the fall conference held in October.
 - Museum of Flight Aviation Education Program
 - Jeff Robb discussed supporting the Museum of Flight in a community outreach for an aviation education program. A contribution to support this community outreach could be funded by the scholarship fund which has not been awarded in awhile.
 - Discussion with the following highlights:
 - The idea of supporting an existing education program was generally supported. Some voiced concerns in not having funds available for scholarship/internship opportunities.
 - It was suggested to elicit the support of the communities, organizations, and businesses to help underwrite the cost or add additional support with the intent is to leverage a small investment by WAMA into more community support. Organizations such as the Civil Air Patrol, Experimental Aviation Association, and Washington’s Pilot Association might provide assistance.
 - The Museum of Flight Education Program is tailored to each school and can be used to kick-off or wrap-up a certain curriculum.
 - It was generally decided that WAMA would support the Museum of Flight and would keep the scholarship/internship opportunity available.
- Election of Board Members
 - A call for interest in the Executive office and Board was made.
 - Elections will be held at the fall conference.
- Fall Conference 2005
 - WAMA’s 2005 fall conference will be held at Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho (Oct, 5-7, 2005).
 - Commercial Aviation will be the theme.

- Spring Conference 2006
 - WAMA's 2006 spring conference will be hosted by Paine Field Airport.

Committee Reports

- Legislative – Susie Tracy & Terry Finn
 - Susie reported on the overall status of the 2005 legislative session and provided a handout summarizing important legislation affecting WAMA. She noted that the animal trapping bill is once again stalled and recommends we create an airport portion of the bill which might have a better chance of getting passed. She encouraged Airport Managers to keep in touch with legislators and invite them out to ground breaking events. She asked that a committee of 3 or so WAMA members be formed to formally review bills to assure she does not miss important issues.
 - Support for creating an airport animal trapping bill was voiced. It was suggested that safety issues be added to the bill to include the removal of height obstructions, trees.
 - John Sibold encouraged airports to: invite legislators out to airports for dedicated grant opening dates, post WSDOT funding signs to create support for local legislators, and have telephone or email notifications for groundbreaking and project updates.
 - Jeff Robb made a call for those interested in serving on a legislative committee.
- Regulatory/Planning – Michael Cheyne
 - Michael noted that the Draft Master Plan Advisory Circular update has been released. The AC update, started 2 years ago, is more applicable for smaller airports.
 - He encouraged WAMA to be a strong voice in Bill 5121, Air Transportation Needs, through the Steering Committee.
 - Items affecting planning include funding issues and small community air service support. He asked for committee membership that would meet quarterly online to ensure right issues are being addressed.
- General Aviation – Penni Loomis
 - Penni reported: high fuel costs are impacting aircraft sales and lowering aircraft values; sport pilot and light sport aircraft values are increasing, UBC setbacks requirements are affecting hangar developments, and WSDOT runway safety grant program was a success.
- Communications
 - Newsletter – Lida Nesterenko, Cindy Hirsch – Cindy requested articles for the Fall newsletter (300 words or less with a picture) be submitted to her a month or so before the conference.
 - Web Page – Sandy Engstrom –
 - Airport Facility Assessment – A WAMA link needs to be created on the WSDOT Aviation website.
 - Membership – Members are encouraged to correct contact information in the WAMA directory and submit those corrections to Dale Carman.
- Scholarship/Internship
 - A call was made for someone to chair the Scholarship/Internship Committee.

Meeting Adjourned