

MINUTES OF AIR CONSORTIUM BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Bain called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M., in the City Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. Present were Bill Bain, Mark McConnell, Jim Voetberg, Jack Crider, Larry Pfund (via telephone), Ross Schultz, Kent Craford (via telephone), Walter Sherman, Mark Fisher, John Lansing, Jack Bland (via telephone), Patricia Patrick, Penelope McCarthy, Peggy Hawker, Steve Schuster, and John Overholser (via telephone).

Scheduling

A copy of a memo from Craford, regarding scheduling, was distributed. Craford reported that the Newport schedule changed very little. The revised Astoria schedule eliminates the early morning dead head flight out of PDX, and overnights a plane in Astoria. The 4:25 A.M. flight from Astoria to PDX should provide good connectivity. Craford reported that the revised schedule should begin in mid-November.

Craford reported that there are three items that could help SeaPort. One is to provide hangar space at both Astoria and Newport. The second is functional de-icing equipment on-call in both locations. The third is community awareness that some flights might have to be cancelled due to low visibility, and other commitments of the equipment on a particular day.

McConnell asked Craford whether passengers could be driven by van to PDX when the airplane cannot fly due to low visibility. Craford noted that the van could be a contingency plan, but that SeaPort would likely try to get the airplane back to pick up passengers later. Bain suggested early notification of passengers if it was determined that a flight was going to be cancelled. Craford reported that the weather is forecasted every evening. It was noted that Hertz might be able to provide a driver and van service from Astoria, and that there is currently vehicular transportation, via Caravan Airport Transportation, that services the central coast.

MOTION was made by Crider, seconded by Pfund, to adopt the tentative schedule as presented by SeaPort Air on October 1, 2009. The motion and second were amended to reflect a conditional approval based on further discussions that might effect this motion. Voting aye in a roll call vote were Pfund, Bain, Crider, and Voetberg. The motion carried unanimously.

Craford clarified that SeaPort has discretion over its schedule and does not need the Consortium's approval for a schedule change. It was noted that the contract states that SeaPort can make schedule changes, but they must be negotiated in good faith with the Consortium.

Mark Fisher thanked Craford for donating two round-trip tickets on SeaPort to the Newport Boosters auction.

Mark Fisher stated that the city attorney should only be representing the interests of the City of Newport. McCarthy stated that she has been clear that she is representing only the City of Newport. She noted that she is not the attorney for the Consortium or the Port of Astoria.

MOTION was made by Crider, seconded by Voetberg, to enter executive session pursuant to 192.660(2.)(f.) at 10:25 AM. The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote, and the Consortium entered executive session at 10:39 AM.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.