

Meeting Minutes
CFASPP STATEWIDE
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
April 2, 2008, 1:00 PM
Orlando International Airport

1. **Call To Order / Introductions** – Chair Chip Seymour called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Name	Region	Representing
Chip Seymour, Chair	Statewide Chair	Jacksonville Aviation Authority
Tom Jewsbury, V-Chair	West Central Chair	St Petersburg-Clearwater Int'l Airport
Todd Lindner	Northeast Chair	Jacksonville Aviation Authority
Greg Donovan	Northwest Chair	Okaloosa County Airports
Kevin McNamara	East Central Chair	Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
C.B. Shirey	Central Chair	Avon Park Executive Airport
Bob Mattingly	Southwest Chair	Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority
Diana Lewis	Treasure Coast V-Chair	St. Lucie County International Airport
Chris McArthur	Southeast Chair	Miami Dade Aviation Department
<i>Other Airports Represented</i>		
Mikko Huttunen	East Central	Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
Terry Lloyd	East Central	Kissimmee Gateway Airport
Ellen Lindblad	Southwest	Lee County Port Authority
Kim Singer	Southeast	Boca Raton Airport
Paul McDermott	Southeast	Boca Raton Airport
Jim Sheppard	East Central	Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
Allan Penksa	North Central	Gainesville Regional Airport

In addition, the following people were in attendance:

Name	Representing
Curtis Knowles	Polk County TPO
Nelson Rhodes	AOPA
Juan Brown	FAA Orlando ADO
Paula Raeburn	FATA
Dave Byers	Florida Institute of Technology
Steven Nesbitt	Florida Tech
Amaury Guiraud	Florida Tech
Sarah Lamdhe	Florida Tech
Jim Wikstrom	Florida Department of Transportation, District Five
Brian Fallon	Florida Department of Transportation, District Five
Jeff Leopold	Florida Department of Transportation, District One
Kristi Smith	Florida Department of Transportation, District One
Ray Clark	Florida Department of Transportation, District Seven
Jim Kriss	Avcon, Inc.
Mike Arnold	ESA Airports
Neil Consentino	FASTA
Dave Goode	LPA Group, Inc.
Bill McGrew	PBS&J
Jerry Sealy	PBS&J
Harry Downing	WSA, Inc.
Gloria Loungeway	WSA, Inc.
Joe Foster	WSA, Inc.
Andy Keith	Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office
Dan Afghani	CFASPP Administrator

2. **Approve Last Minutes** – Chair Seymour asked for a motion to approve the last minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Diana Lewis, seconded by Mr. Chris McArthur and passed by a unanimous vote.
3. **Regional Chairpersons Roundtable**
 - **Survey Crews at Airports** – Ms. Lewis explained the problems that have occurred at her airport with survey crews and asked the group if others had experienced similar activities. Mr. Keith explained that the issue was discussed at an FDOT Aviation Office Staff Meeting. Chair Seymour stated that they had a similar issue at JAX with crews working on hurricane disposal. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to the aviation community if airport staff and consultants worked together to inform surveyors about proper protocols for gaining access to airports in the State.
 - **Neighborhood Opposition to Helicopters** – Mr. Chris McArthur stated that the issue started at Pompano Beach after a State Senator became involved. At the behest of the public, the Senator wants helicopter operators to agree to significant operational restrictions. Mr. McArthur explained that while operations may be reduced at Pompano, training is still strong and the helicopters will simply go to other airports in the region.
 - **Opposition to Fixed Wing/Training Operations** – Mr. Kevin McNamara updated the group on public opposition to airport operations that is underway at New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport. He mentioned that the opposition has secured a website to fight the airport training users from ERAU and other flight schools. Mr. Todd Lindner explained that Craig Airport in Jacksonville has experienced on-going opposition to the proposed runway extension. Chair Seymour stated that studies have determined that an appropriate runway length for Craig would be 5,600 feet. Craig is the only airport in the State that has expansion restrictions in the adopted Local Comprehensive Plan. Chair Seymour spoke about a Land Use Guidance Plan in use in California and Washington that calls for no residential development within three (3) miles of an airport. Local opposition has been citing this FAA guidance as a safety reason to prevent expansion of the runway at Craig Field.
 - **Proposed House Bill 683** – Mr. Bob Mattingly updated the group on this Bill stating that it now contains an exemption for airports, but not for City governments. Chair Seymour asked airport sponsors to watch this Bill and Senate Bill 2148 as it moves through the legislature.
 - **Proposal to Implement Mandatory Recycling Procedures - House Bill 301 and Senate Bill 692** – Mr. Greg Donovan updated the group on the proposal to require recycling of aluminum and plastics. Mr. Donovan stated that Northwest Florida has no established recycling procedures and implementation would be harder in this region that it would be in more urban areas. Without established procedures, an airport sponsor could incur unforeseen cost if required to start this program. Chair Seymour stated that the Bill as written doesn't seem to have a lot of teeth and would appear to have some room for interpretation.
 - **Other Proposed Legislative Bills** – Chair Seymour briefly covered some of the other proposed legislation that may have an effect on airports and airport sponsors.

4. **FDOT Aviation**

- **Aviation Office**

- **General Information** – Mr. Keith stated that Ms. Debbie Hunt has been appointed as the new Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development. He added that State Aviation Manager Bill Ashbaker has asked that airports make an effort to keep JACIP up to date so that data reported to decision makers by the Aviation Office throughout the year is always accurate.
- **Airport Land Use Compatibility Project** – Mr. Keith stated that this project has now been given the okay to move forward by Assistant Secretary Hunt and that the FDOT Aviation Office plans to resume work on it as soon as possible.
- **Pavement Management Program** – Mr. Keith stated that the inspection phase of the project is complete. He noted that final reports are currently being sent to airports sponsors, FDOT District Offices and the FAA. He mentioned the project website (www.floridaairportpavement.com) where sponsors can view and update information on the pavement condition at their airports. Mr. Keith added that the FDOT Aviation Office still plans to conduct another sponsor training course later in the year at a location yet to be determined.
- **UNICOM Frequency Expansion Project** – Mr. Keith updated the group on this project via a PowerPoint presentation depicting approximately seventeen (17) airports that have agreed to change their UNICOM frequencies. Mr. Keith stated that now that a preliminary plan for changing the frequencies has been developed, he plans to speak to the FCC to see if a streamlined process for implementing the switches might be possible.
- **Next Generation Aircraft (NGA) Project Update** – Mr. Keith explained that the project was started on February 27, 2008 after some fallout funding came available. Mr. Keith stated that he has received some preliminary material for review that he will be distributing to the NGA Subcommittee in the next couple of weeks. He stated that they hope to have a PowerPoint presentation available for the Statewide Meeting in July.
- **Grant Program Funding** – Mr. Keith explained that State Aviation Manager Bill Ashbaker had planned to make a presentation on this issue but was unable to attend and sent his apologies.

- **FDOT District Announcements** – None.

5. **FAA ADO Comments / Presentations** – Mr. Juan Brown stated FAA will be working on a 75% program for this year with a total value of approximately \$2.7 Billion. He stated that it appears that Discretionary Funds will be reduced by at least 25% and that RSA projects ready for implementation are likely to be funded first. He asked that airports declare their intent to carry over funds by June 1, 2008 or earlier to guarantee fund availability at a later date. He mentioned that airport grant applications should be in by June 2, 2008 and that quarterly reports should be submitted by April 15, 2008. Mr. Brown informed the group that the FAA Airport Marking Circular has been updated to include smaller airports in the enhanced marking program. Implementation of the new required markings should be completed at all airports in the next two (2) years. In conclusion, Mr. Brown noted that Mr. Pablo Auffant has rejoined the FAA Orlando-ADO as a Program Manager.

6. Old Business/New Business

- **Resolution on FAA Funding Procedures at Origin and Destination Airports** – Mr. Keith informed the Committee that per their direction, this Resolution was sent to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation for their consideration.
- **Economic Impact Study** – Ms. Diana Lewis reiterated the need for an Economic Impact Study to assist smaller airports in meeting the budget challenges at hand.
- **GA Security Project** – Chair Seymour commented on the FDOT Pilot Program for security noting that he was able to determine the registration number of a plane using Craig Field very late at night with information from the test system. Mr. Keith stated that he hopes to have some updates to share on the project during the September round of meetings.
- **Past Chairperson Presentations** – Chair Seymour presented Mr. Jim Sheppard with a framed Resolution recognizing his service as past Chair of the CFASPP Statewide Committee. He then asked for a Resolution from the Committee recognizing the service of Mr. Ed Cooley as the immediate past Chair of the CFASPP Statewide Committee. The Committee passed Chair Seymour's Resolution unanimously and they decided that Mr. Cooley's award would be forwarded to him as he was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Open Forum

- **AOPA** – Mr. Nelson Rhodes stated that AOPA is working with the DOR to alleviate pilots concerns about tax collection on visitors.
- **FATA** – Ms. Paula Raeburn stated that the Property Tax issue in Indian River County has been resolved and the FBO's have been relieved of the tax liability proposed by the local Property Appraiser. FATA is still working on the DOR issue that seems to be penalizing people that bought airplanes out of State by collecting a 6% tax on residents and visitors alike. The DOR has stated that they will not be at Sun-N-Fun looking to collect taxes. There is a worry that Florida is suffering a loss in tourist dollars as a result of people avoiding Florida for fear of receiving a tax bill.
- **CASA** – Ms. Paula Raeburn spoke about a PowerPoint on CD that explains NEXGEN technology. She mentioned that Florida is a test site for NEXGEN technology.
- **Florida Aviation Historical Society** – Mr. Neil Cosentino requested that airport managers take digital photos of historical aeronautical markers at airports for submission to the Society. He spoke briefly about Flight 2014 which highlights the different eras of aviation which will now culminate with the "Global Era" of nonstop point to point travel throughout the world. He spoke about "First Level Air Service" and the need to promote Florida's airports as transportation centers.

8. **Time & Place Next Meeting** – Chair Seymour stated that the next scheduled meeting of the Statewide Committee is July 19, 2008 at the Breakers Resort in Palm Beach. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the room location will be posted on the CFASPP website once it is determined.

9. **Adjournment** – Hearing no further business for the committee to consider, Chair Seymour adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:43 p.m.