

Meeting Minutes
CFASPP STATEWIDE
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 7, 2007, 1:00 PM
Rosen Shingle Creek Resort–Suwannee Room 16-17

1. **Call To Order / Introductions** --Chair Ed Cooley called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and asked all in attendance to introduce themselves. Chair Cooley asked for a motion to dedicate the meeting to the memory of Mr. Chuck Arnold. Mr. Bryan Cooper made the requested motion that was seconded by Mr. Tom Jewsbury and passed by acclamation.

Name	Region	Representing
Ed Cooley, Chair	West Central Chair	Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
Jerry Sealy	Northwest Chair	Okaloosa County Airports
Tom Sawyer	North Central Chair	Lake City Municipal Airport
Chip Seymour	Northeast Chair	Jacksonville Aviation Authority
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
Steve Rocco	Southeast V-Chair	Pompano Beach Airport
<i>Other Airports Represented</i>		
Louis Miller	West Central	Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
Nadine Jones	West Central	Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
Paul Phillips	West Central	Hillsborough County Aviation Authority
Don Silvernell	West Central	Hernando County Airport
Tom Jewsbury	West Central	St Petersburg-Clearwater Int'l Airport
Ken Austin	Northwest	Tallahassee Regional Airport
Roy Sieger	North Central	Dunnellon/Marion County & POC Airport
Allan Penksa	North Central	Gainesville Regional Airport
Bryan Cooper	Northeast	St. Augustine Airport
Todd Cox	Northeast	Jacksonville Aviation Authority
Jim Sheppard	East Central	Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
Mikko Huttunen	East Central	Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
Larry Dale	East Central	Orlando Sanford International Airport
Diane Crews	East Central	Orlando Sanford International Airport
Jack Reynolds	East Central	Orlando Sanford International Airport
Jack Thompson	East Central	Flagler County Airport
Steve Borowski	East Central	Valkaria Airport
Cynthia Barrow	Central	Bartow Municipal Airport
Debra Lemke	Southwest	Lee County Port Authority
Gary Duncan	Southwest	Lee County Port Authority
Fred Watts	Southwest	Venice Municipal Airport
Ana Sotorrio	Southeast	Miami-Dade Aviation Department
Gary Sypek	Southeast	Palm Beach International Airport
Peter Labbe	Southeast	Palm Beach County Dept. of Airports
Shannon Thomas	Southeast	Palm Beach County Dept. of Airports

In addition, the following people were in attendance:

Name	Representing
Bill Ashbaker	Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office
Aaron Smith	Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office
Richard Null	Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office
Jim Wikstrom	Florida Department of Transportation, District Five
Terry Beacham	Florida Department of Transportation, District One
Jeff Leopold	Florida Department of Transportation, District One
Roxann Lake	Florida Department of Transportation, District One
Kristi Smith	Florida Department of Transportation, District One
Ben Walker	Florida Department of Transportation, District One
Scott Walters	Florida Department of Transportation, District Three
Nelson Rhodes	AOPA
Paula Raeburn	FATA
Dave Byers	Florida Tech – College of Aeronautics
Sandeep Singh	Avcon, Inc.
Dave Goode	LPA Group, Inc.
Mark Kistler	LPA Group, Inc.
Kelly Rubino	MEA Group, Inc.
Marisol C. Elliott	Montgomery Consulting Group, Inc.
Bill McGrew	PBS&J
Jerry Roberts	Planning Technology, Inc.
Brenda Tillmann	R.W. Armstrong, Inc.
Todd Anderson	Sheltair Aviation Facilities
Harry Downing	WSA, Inc.
Gloria Loungeway	WSA, Inc.
Grace Keith	Citizen
Andy Keith	Florida Department of Transportation, Aviation Office
Dan Afghani	CFASPP Administrator

2. **Approve Last Minutes** – Chair Cooley asked for a motion to approve the last minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Sealy and passed by a 9-0 vote.

3. **FDOT Aviation**

- **Aviation Office**

- **Land Use Compatibility Project** – Mr. Richard Null briefed the group on the status of the project, project participants and the overall project objectives. He noted that the FDOT has contracted with WSA to complete the project in multiple phases. Mr. Null stated that the project should provide a basis for stronger land use controls at airports around the State beginning with the completion of Phase 1 in about six months time. Mr. Larry Dale asked how many airports have the State required Airport Zoning Board to evaluate Land Use Issues noting that he is aware of a number of airports that do not. Ms. Ana Sotorrio asked why the FAA is not listed as a participant in the Executive Summary about the project. Mr. Null stated that with the focus being more on State land use regulations (Chapter 333), they were not slated for inclusion in the first phase of the project. Mr. Chip Seymour asked Mr. Null if the study would consider the relevance of case decision on property rights near the McCarran International Airport in Las

Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Null answered in the affirmative and then provided the group with a brief background on the case. Mr. Louis Miller stated that the case in Nevada could set a dangerous precedent for aviation around the country even though it was a local decision.

- **FASP 2025 – Update of Statewide and Regional Overviews** – Mr. Andy Keith thanked everyone that contributed to the update of the documents during the past couple of CFASPP Rounds. He stated that the consultant is nearing completion of his work on the updates that were collected from CFASPP members and participants. Once complete, the new documents will be posted on the CFASPP website and when funds permit a professional printing of the documents will take place to allow distribution to aviation decision makers.
- **NGA Project Update** – Chair Cooley asked Mr. Keith for an update on the status of the NGA Project which had previously been identified as a priority by the CFASPP Statewide Committee. Mr. Bill Ashbaker and Mr. Keith explained the funding issues that have delayed the NGA Project citing the significant need for the Aviation Land Use Project. Mr. Kevin McNamara asked Mr. Ashbaker if there was something that could be done to raise the project on the priority list. Mr. Ashbaker stated that he would prefer to give the Committee a more detailed report at the next meeting once he can get a better handle on FDOT funding availability for the current fiscal year. Chair Cooley asked if it would be possible to engage a consultant to finalize the project scope prior to the next meeting so we would have a better idea of the project cost at that time. Mr. Ashbaker concurred with Chair Cooley's request and stated that he would have the project scope priced for the Committee's consideration at the next meeting in November.

- **FDOT District Comments / Presentations**

- **Aviation Revenue Use Study-** Mr. Jeff Leopold of FDOT District One briefed the group on a study conducted in his District on the subject of aviation revenue use practices by public airport sponsors. Following the presentation, Mr. Leopold fielded several questions from the participants on the topic of revenue diversion and related scenarios. In regard to a question from Mr. Bryan Cooper on impact fees, Mr. Ashbaker informed the group that airports are now exempt from these charges as a result of recent legislative action. Mr. Leopold concluded his presentation by asking interested parties to contact him for more information on the Study.

- **FDOT District Announcements** – None.

4. **Regional Chairpersons Roundtable**

- **East Central** – Mr. McNamara stated that UNICOM frequency congestion was the major point of discussion at the last East Central Meeting. He noted that the meeting was hosted jointly by the Melbourne International and Valkaria airports. Following the meeting, the group was invited to take a tour of the Valkaria airport.
- **Treasure Coast** – Ms. Diana Lewis stated that the property tax issue was the highlight of discussion at the meeting. She stated that the Treasure Coast Committee moved to send a letter to Governor Crist objecting to the proposed changes but to this point they have been unable to agree on language for the letter.

- **North Central-** Mr. Tom Sawyer stated that the smaller general aviation airports in the region are struggling to get GPS Approaches implemented and that UNICOM communications continue to be an issue as well.
 - **Southwest** – Mr. Bob Mattingly reported that Venice is experiencing local opposition to the Master Plan Update. He added that a cross state toll road seems to be “on the shelf” due to cost. Mr. Mattingly stated that a “no growth” issue is being experienced at all airports in Southwest Florida.
 - **Northeast** – Mr. Chip Seymour stated that the Northeast region meeting was highlighted by a presentation on Wildlife Attractant prevention from Mr. Rusty Chandler of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority. He added that Skybus Airlines will begin service at St. Augustine where the airport staff is now dealing with the complications of going to a Part 139 airport.
 - **West Central** – Chair Cooley reported that a new terminal is almost complete at Albert Whitted and that the Hernando County airport has new pavement markings. He stated that the MacDill AFB Land Use Compatibility Study has been submitted to DCA for approval. St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport is working on new noise abatement procedures and \$9.5 million in terminal renovations are planned to start in January. At HCAA airports, multiple hangar installations are underway at both Peter O. Knight and Plant City. Chair Cooley noted that new washracks are planned to be installed at each of the HCAA General Aviation airports. At Tampa International Airport, work continues on the roadway project in front of airport along with other access improvements. Chair Cooley noted that sixty-seven (67) new hangars are being constructed at Zephyrhills Municipal Airport along with new security fencing. He encouraged folks to consider the “United We Stand” license tag program that funds the SAFE Council and benefits aviation in Florida.
 - **Northwest** – Mr. Jerry Sealy stated that regional airports are still having trouble securing viable hangar insurance in the Northwest region. This is particularly prevalent at airports that are closer to the coast. Mr. Bryan Cooper stated that while they can get property insurance in St. Augustine, it’s becoming unaffordable.
 - **Central** – Mr. C.B. Shirey stated that Land Use is the main issue in the region. There are on-going land use concerns at both Chalet Suzanne and Avon Park Executive Airports. He added that T-hangars that were recently constructed by airports in the region are not renting as fast as the airports sponsors had hoped.
 - **Southeast** – Mr. Steve Rocco stated the Southeast meeting had a long discussion on the Pompano Beach Airpark and the efforts to return the airport to eligibility for FAA and FDOT funding. The City is seeking a release from non-aviation grant obligations and if approved, the City will pay \$1 million to the FAA. The issue is still in “Memorandum of Understanding” form as it is being reviewed by the FAA.
 - **Effect of Proposed Property Tax Legislation on Airports**
Chair Cooley asked if there was any additional discussion on this item. It was deemed to have been covered in earlier items and Chair Cooley elected to move forward with the next agenda item.
5. **FAA ADO Comments / Presentations** – None.
6. **Old Business/New Business**
- **Keeping FDOT Aviation Rollover Funds in Aviation Programs** – Addressing the item brought by Mr. Seymour at the last Statewide Meeting, Mr. Ashbaker reviewed the status of this issue stating that the discretion lies with the District Secretary’s. He

added that discussion among the district personnel has led to improved procedures in the administration of grants that result in less aviation projects that have money rolling forward. Mr. Seymour asked that Mr. Ashbaker bring this issue to the attention of the Secretary of Transportation to let her know that the Aviation Community is concerned.

- **Election of a New Vice-Chairperson** – Mr. Mike Moon of the Martin County Airport-Witham Field was unanimously elected to serve as the new Vice-Chair of the CFASPP Statewide Committee.

7. **Open Forum**

- **AOPA** – Mr. Nelson Rhodes stated that FAA reauthorization is the major issue for AOPA along with tax regulations that are affecting pilots visiting Florida for the purpose of flight training or other short stays. It seems that under current regulations, any plane purchased outside of Florida cannot be brought here during the first six months of ownership for any reason or it can be subject to sales tax on the purchase price.
 - **FATA** – Ms. Paula Raeburn added to the tax issue stating that the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) is considering an exemption to this policy noting that Florida is getting poor press for attempting to fleece out of state aviators. Ms. Raeburn stated that she is due to submit comments to the DOR on this issue by July 12, 2007.
 - **CASA** – Ms. Raeburn updated the group on CASA activities as reported to her by Mr. Ray Wabler. She stated that CASA has received a small grant from the Wolfe Foundation for the production of a CD to highlight the benefits of General Aviation airports.
 - **Proposed User Fees** – Mr. Dale asked about the status of proposed General Aviation user fees. Mr. Rhodes of AOPA updated the group on the items in the bill that is currently being considered by the U.S. Congress.
8. **Time & Place Next Meeting** – Chair Cooley stated that the next scheduled meeting of the Statewide Committee is November 8, 2007 at Tampa International Airport. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the HCAA Board Room.
9. **Adjournment** – Hearing no further business for the committee to consider, Chair Cooley adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:05 p.m.