

**MINUTES**  
**Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Bangor International Airport**  
**June 26, 2013**

1. **Marty McMahon, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm. Board members present: Marty McMahon, Ervin Deck, Duke Tomlin, Tiki White, Tony Caruso, Mike Watson, and Zlatko Necevski.**
2. **Reviewed and voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting.**
3. **ACRP- Airport Cooperative Research Program- an overview of this program was presented via teleconference and it was difficult to capture what was being said because of the audio reception. If you have any questions for the presenter, here is his contact information: Randy Murphy, Grafton Technologies, Inc., Tel number (617)290-9400. The website is: [trb.org/ACRP](http://trb.org/ACRP), if you would like further information.**
4. **Bylaws were unanimously accepted by the Board members present. It was brought up to the Board that more subcommittees might be helpful, such as one to be a liaison to the airport managers and also a safety committee. How is information going to be shared between these subcommittees? A drop box or another way?**
5. **Discussion regarding Non-primary airports and amending/changing cooperative agreements-Can non-primary airports be paid one time rather than invoicing us monthly? Or how about quarterly or biannually? Some airports might need the money on a more frequent basis.**
  - **Feedback – Wiscasset faces cash flow issues and the end of the fiscal year.**
  - **Bigger projects cannot wait until the end of the year**
  - **Some communities want cash up front and fast.**
  - **A few airports responded that quarterly or biannually would work better for them.**
  - **A good time to figure this payment schedule out might be when doing the scoping of projects. Maybe give them options at the end?**
6. **Airport Prioritization-Marty reported on the efforts of the subcommittee on prioritization. They are working at trying to figure out how to prioritize, how to help MaineDOT justify the money needs.**
  - **Does the system that is in place for prioritizing highway needs work to identify airport needs?**

- What metrics are available and accurate to use?
- What discretionary funds are available after matching funds are expended?
- Highway priority is established based on “their relative contribution to Maine’s economy and quality of life....”
- With airports, the impact is more local than statewide – what is the measure for impact on the economy?
- It is easier to measure commerce on highways.
- How do you compare the impact in local terms? The range of the impact?
- Priority Option 1 – using FAA airport categories as a guide.
- Priority Option 2 – priorities based on relative economic impact. How do we measure?
- Customer Service Levels – what do we want to measure? How do we determine criteria for Customer Service Levels A-F?
- What do we measure and what categories do they fall into?
- Safety, condition and service – things do not fit neatly into these categories. Many items cross over between categories. Not sure if we define the categories the same as highways.
- Capacity and Revenue Production are 2 other categories we may want to consider.
- Is taxi service another type of service we need to measure?
- Incident history is easy to measure but may or may not be relevant to airport Customer Service Level.
- Concerns – Fairness of the system, particularly with small GA airports and creating a measurement system that is accurate and does not burden understaffed airports.
- We want to show the importance of the airports and what we can do to make them better.
- *ACTION ITEM: Marty welcomes comments from anyone.*

**7. AWOS AV into the FAA NADIN (National Airspace Data Interchange Network) Petition-**

- 14-15 AWOS were installed around Maine.
- NADINS will only accept AWOS 3 and 4 – what happens is NADINS does not publish it. If not in NADINS then pilots don’t have access.
- MaineDOT is preparing a letter in support of the petition to put AWOS into NADINS. Does the Board want to take a vote to support this letter?
- Reason for the rule is the National Weather Service only has capacity for certain weather stations.

- The second issue – the AWOS 3 and up are all purchased and installed by FAA and AWOS 1 and 2 is not – non-FAA people put it in and that is the reasoning behind it. FAA did not install them but there was FAA funding involved.

*ACTION ITEM: A motion was made for the Board to support the letter of petition and all were in favor to do so.*

**8. Invisible Intelligence LLC, General Audio Radio Device (G.A.R.D.) -**

<http://www.invisibleintelligencellc.com>

- This is a device that was recently developed by John Guimond, Augusta Airport Manager and Ron Cote, MaineDOT employee, that records radio transmissions. They developed this system on their own time.
- A handout was given to all with the details about this recording device. The Augusta Airport and others in the state have been using it successfully.
- It tracks airport use daily, weekly monthly and yearly.
- MaineDOT will help airports purchase this with a 50/50 funding match.
- Transmissions are kept in two separate places-not on a network.
- Questions were raised about FAA using this device to go after a pilot for errors made that lead to accidents, etc. Could this be used in a Civil suit?
- FAA is not an enforcement agency as far as we know.
- *ACTION ITEM: MaineDOT staff will look into FOIA (freedom of information act) issues.*
- Police and fire departments have inquired about using the system although none are currently using it.
- Rockland Airport has also installed one, if you want to check with them on how they like it.

**9. Airport Wildlife –**

- It is a Class E crime to chase wildlife with a motor vehicle to scare them off.
- *ACTION ITEM: A motion was made to draft legislation that would make an exception for airports.*
- *ACTION ITEM: Joan will send out an update Board member list with contact information to all Board members.*

Next Meeting will be on September 18, 2013 at the Wiscasset Airport from 1:00-3:00 (tentative date and location)

