

COOS COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT



ON THE HORIZON

COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE

Daily air service from the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport to San Francisco is now available. Direct, round-trip service started on April 1st and will continue throughout the summer and into fall. Denver service will be offered two days a week, Wednesday and Sunday. It starts May 22nd and goes through October 23rd. After experiencing record passengers through the terminal last year, the airport is on pace for record numbers in 2024. Over 4500 passengers have filled available seats to and from San Francisco since January.



SKYWEST SEEKING AGENT

SkyWest is hiring immediately for an entry level Part-Time Ramp Agent in North Bend! No prior aviation experience is required. Ramp Agents provide excellent service for passengers and assist in helping every flight get out on time. Enjoy a competitive wage, 401k, profit-sharing, and flight benefits extend 90 days after the season ends.

AVIATION CONSULTING EXPANDED



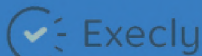
The Coos County Airport Board of Commissioners has agreed to expand an agreement for consulting services to evaluate the possibility and viability of smaller airline shuttles to provide additional services to Southwest Oregon Regional Airport customers. The contract with Volaire Aviation Consulting has been in place for multiple years. They have provided the airport with important information about what is taking place in the industry, challenges the industry has faced since the pandemic, the ability to add additional routes, and how other airports have fared in the region. The expanded scope will also allow the consultant to look at the possibility of using a smaller or boutique airline to provide a shuttle-like service that would fly north. It will also compensate the firm for its evaluation of those services to help ensure it is a long-term and viable solution.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTED



Two south coast residents have been appointed to fill open seats on the Coos County Airport District Budget Committee. Kelsey Guenther of North Bend and Linnea Kircher were appointed by the board at the last meeting in March. Guenther is the Marketing Director at Southwestern Oregon Community College and has over 7 years' experience in management. Kircher is currently an attorney. She also is a pilot and holds a degree in aeronautics/aviation/aerospace science. The two will join the five airport commissioners and three other budget committee-members to evaluate the district budget at the budget meetings. The first is May 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



UPGRADES AT THE AIRPORT



Making sure our customers have the best experience when they travel through OTH is something for which we strive. While the summer is still a few months away, maintenance staff has been working on the terminal. One enhancement made is the replacement of water fountains to include bottle filling stations. Passengers bringing their own water bottle will help reduce single use plastic bottles. Other work has included removing the old carpet that has been in place since the terminal was completed in 2009. Maintenance crews worked around the commercial flights to remove and replace the carpet. The 17,040 square feet of carpet, glue, and tools were just under \$40,000.



In addition to passenger loading areas, the CCAD board approved an expenditure to remove an elevated “roundabout” to make it easier for shuttles, taxi cabs, and other vehicles to drop off and pick up passengers.

The center of the tear-drop shape was painted by Artworks Unlimited owner Patrick Erm and his assistant Skye Michelle. It features the logo and the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport Code (OTH).

UPCOMING FACILITY EXPANSION



The design phase for the Cargo and Pacific Northwest Seafood Transfer Facility is getting underway following the CCAD Board of Commissioners approval of a \$421,000 scope of work from Ardurra. Group, LLC A portion of funds dedicated to the project were already used to construct the new Apron that has provided additional parking for corporate and private aircraft. It has been an important addition to General Aviation services at the airport, especially during peak season. The next phase will include a final design for the cargo facility, associated parking lot, and connection to the cargo apron expansion. The project will be funded by CCAD and a Connect Oregon Grant that must be expended by the year 2025.

AIRPORT STAFF UPDATES

At the end of March, we bid farewell to Operations Specialist and ARFF Firefighter Cole Barnes after he accepted the job of Airport Manager at Bremerton National Airport in Washington state. The airport is owned by the Port of Bremerton and is the largest located on the Kitsap Peninsula. Barnes is in the process of earning his master's degree in Aeronautics and has earned his commercial pilot's license. He also holds a degree in Airport Management.



Barnes says he's enjoyed his time on the south coast, especially the outdoor activities. But, he is really looking forward to the challenges of his new position and being closer to his family in the town of Shelton which is nearby and where he grew up. Though the airport serves general aviation and corporate clients, it is extremely busy.



Travis Mickelson (left), who was employed at the airport in Maintenance, has transferred to operations and is earning basic EMT credentials. He'll attend ARFF Firefighting Training soon.

PLAYGROUND REOPENS AT PARK



The Airport Heights playground area has reopened after several weeks. Two play structures have been installed. The purchase equipment was approved by the Coos County Airport District Board of Commissioners in 2023. A Synergy climbing/slide structure and a new swing set were added. It is the first play equipment to have been added to the park in years.

CCAD has partnered with the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club to revitalize the 13-acre park area. Rotary has hired a consultant to build a Park Master Plan. Options will be provided in future meetings to gather input from stakeholders and neighbors on what should be included in the plan. Those meetings will be announced soon.



Knife River, O'Neill's Overhead Doors, and Rotary donated 130 hours of time, equipment, and supplies valued at over \$10,000 to the equipment installation. For information on the project, visit <https://coosbaynorthbendrotary.org/airport-park-recreation-project/>.



Upcoming Events:

- April 11th, Noon, Park Steering Committee
 - April 25th, 7:30am, CCAD Board Meeting
 - April 27, 10am-12pm, Weed Wrangle (Coos Watershed Earth Day Project)
 - April 27, 10am-2pm, USCG Open House
 - May 15th, 5:30pm, Budget Committee
- (All meetings are held in the Airport Terminal Board Room at 1100 Airport Lane, NB)