

**Subject:** Oregon dept of aviation 10 am meeting agenda

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Tony,

I wish to enter in to record my interest in the through the fence application for the Joseph airport which would allow hangers to be built.

I have shown interest in building a hangar on ground that I own, to support my helicopter tour business as it is much more valuable to build aircraft hangars on your own property.

It's extremely difficult to improve ground through a lease for individuals or small businesses as there is much uncertainty as to what will happen to your hangar after the lease is terminated after 30 years. To me it is an investment that I would like to be able to sell or pass on. Many leases that are terminated are not renewed leaving the owner at the whim of a municipality or other entity who then takes control of the hangar and leases it back to the one who improved the property for much higher rent than before or it is seized from the owner. This is unacceptable.

I have sent multiple emails regarding being able to build a hangar at the Joseph airport. There are spots available on the master plan.

The master plan also shows expansion to the east for airport development and this is one of the first requests that I had made last year. but there seems to be lots of opposition to this idea and many in the community are unsure of why there is resistance. It makes the most sense to build hangars on the property to the east as the existing airport area is congested as it is.

I think it would be best to allow private industry to develop this property which would not require the ODA to fund the entire project. It also sounds like the local Commission has some interest in allowing this to go forward as well.

I just found out about this meeting as of 7:45 am and will be travelling to the coast or i would partake in listening to the meeting on zoom.

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