

Minutes of Meeting
Airport & Airport Advisory Board Update
June 28, 2021
9:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan, and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Airport Director Steven Kjergaard, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present were Airport Advisory Board members Joan Genter, Aaron Salzer, Greg Gfeller, and Dr. Al Birch.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Review of June 2021 Advisory Board Minutes (Discussion)

Airport Advisory Board Chair Greg Gfeller said that the highlight of their previous Advisory Board meeting was a presentation by Marita Diffenbaugh, who presented on Elevate Academy North. He explained that she was trying to create a school for kids who may have lost their way, but may be able to find a career in the trades. Mr. Gfeller said that they had told her that avionics or aerospace would be a great industry to look into.

Airport Director Steven Kjergaard said that there was a walkthrough for the north side sewer line and utility installation, and bids for the project would be opened on July 13, 2021.

Possibility of Two Lease Terminations (Discussion)

Mr. Kjergaard said that there were two leases had yet to begin construction projects and had yet to submit plans. He explained that they were within five months of those projects needing to be completed, so he would may need to terminate those leases. Commissioner Bill Brooks suggested they send a notice to the affected parties.

Sewer Fees (Discussion)

Mr. Kjergaard said that there would be public hearing on July 13, 2021 to discuss sewer fees. He explained that only 15-20 people would be receiving a rate change, while the others would not be affected.

Fisher Construction Contract (Action)

Mr. Kjergaard said that they had already paid for the consulting work they had done for the SRE Building, but because the project was being delayed, he inquired whether the Board wanted to retain Fisher Construction. He said that his opinion was to switch to the

“design-build-bid” process, which would ensure the FAA would be happy, but would also increase in fees by \$1 million.

Sale of 20 Acres of Land (Action)

Mr. Kjergaard discussed selling 20 acres of Airport property that was adjacent to the gun club. Commissioner Brooks said he was in favor of the gun club remaining at the location for the next two years; however, he recently learned of a disturbing event at the Airport from Mr. Kjergaard. Mr. Kjergaard explained that while at work on a Saturday, one of the Airport staff members had been hit by a shotgun pellet inside the SRE building. He said that he was hit in the lower back and was doing fine, but the gun club was shooting double-ought shotgun pellets that were illegal to use at the gun club. Mr. Kjergaard said that they did not submit a report to KCSO, but did submit one to Human Resources.

Further, Mr. Kjergaard said that the sale of the 20 acres would help fund some of the projects that are ongoing at the Airport.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan said that she had concerns about selling land next to the Airport, because they would never be able to get it back once it is sold. Mr. Kjergaard said that he wished to sell it, as the Airport needed a funding mechanism and they could make a large sum off of the sale. He said that the Airport could use the land in the future, but it would never be for aeronautical use.

Chairman Fillios said that two years from now, the market could be vastly different and if it could be sold, it should be sold. Airport Advisory Board Vice Chair Joan Genter said that she believed there would be a shift in the market, as it was already shifting.

Commissioners Brooks and Duncan agreed that it should not be sold at the moment.

Mr. Kjergaard said that he would be getting an appraisal of the property and would bring the results back to the Board for their review.

- D. Public Comment (Discussion):** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

- E. Adjourn:** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk
