

MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON JNAUARY 23, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ian Morcott, Steve Mulberry, William James, Richard Buxton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Martin Pike, AJ Lewis, Paul Hibbard

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Chris Curtis – Public Works Director; Tom Hoegg – Airport Manager;  
Mayor Sykes

**GUESTS:**

**TRANSCRIBER:** Amy Pearson

**MINUTES:**

Richard Buxton made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2024, meeting. Steve Mulberry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS/REPORTS**

At the end of the meeting William referred back to the October minutes regarding ITD and the radio frequency and asked Tom if he had any new information. Tom explained that he did look into it and ITD has nothing to do with radio frequencies and that it is actually the FCC. The City of Mountain Home has certain FCC frequencies that they are given, and we would have to apply for a new one. Once the FCC receives the application it initiates a whole process with the FAA to get it changed. Toby said if we were to do that we are going to end up with a terrible number because another airport already took the last good one. Tom has asked some users in the area for their thoughts, and he said they like it the way it currently is. We are an agriculture community and all the ag operators like the way it is. Any ag operators flying from Gooding to Mountain Home want to know who is speaking on the frequencies and where they are at. For our situation that we are in, from Tom's perspective, he would not want to change the frequency unless it was to become much busier. Toby said that Caldwell got their own frequency because they are doing 150,000 operations annually and when they switched it was Nampa/Caldwell combined with approximately 250,000 operations using the same frequency. Mountain Home is probably at 20,000 so we can see the magnitude of where we would need to be before the FAA is going to consider that. William agreed this is not anything we need to deal with at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FAA Funding and Projects**

Toby said that this year's FAA project is the construction of the city-owned hangar. The plans and specifications have been compiled and reviewed by the FAA. They will likely advertise the project in March depending on where the federal government is with their funding. One positive is that building prices have come down. Currently the bid will be for an 80' x 80' steel structure with an add alternative for an additional 20 feet. If we have the funding it will be 80' wide by 100' date. The door will be a 70' x 20' freestanding door; based on their research that style does the best for that size. It will be a basic steel structure with a finished concrete floor and it will be insulated without heat. It will be roughly plumbed for water and sewer, but the FAA won't fund that. There will be a concrete apron that will attach it to the main apron. There will be an indoor lighting package, outdoor light, and then wiring for the door itself,

and some minor 110 plugs. The idea is that if the city chooses to rent it out the occupant could add water, sewer, bathroom, heating, and upgrade the electrical if they want. The FAA pretty much only wants to fund storage. We have about \$800-\$900,000 to work with and this year's FAA match is 95%; our goal is the city's match will only be 2.5%. Carry forward.

#### **Airport District Creation**

Chris Curtis said that during the last city council meeting on January 14, 2025, city staff requested permission to proceed with "request for a proposal process for a preliminary engineering study to relocate and extend a portion of the railroad." City Council voted unanimously to table that until October of 2025. Chris said that we did acquire the land and it does belong to the city now. The committee said that they are still very interested in the city adopting the county overlay. Mayor Sykes told Ian to send him an email with their recommendations and he will give it to the council. Carry forward.

#### **BLM SEAT Base**

Toby said the SEAT Base has been an amazing project for the city and JUB. Asphalt and lighting will be completed in May. The goal is to have a ribbon cutting and turn over it over to BLM by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mountain Home is the first location in Idaho to complete and open a SEAT Base. Carry forward.

#### **Possible Runway Extension**

Discussed at same time as Airport District Creation. Item closed.

#### **Hangar Lease Verbiage Review**

The committee decided to leave the leases as they are currently written. Item closed.

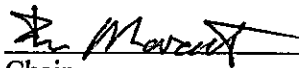
#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **AGENDA SET FOR NEXT MEETING**

Agenda set for next regular meeting on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
Chair

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

FAA Funding and Projects  
Airport District Creation  
BLM SEAT Base

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss Meeting Monthly Versus Quarterly