

**Minutes of Meeting  
Advisory Board Interview  
January 7, 2020  
10:30 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 and Deputy Clerk Ronnie Davisson. Also present were Airport Association Members Murdo Cameron, Charlie Branch and Elsbeth Roach, and Airport Advisory Board applicant Dr. Al Birch.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Discussion Item):**

**Airport Advisory Board Applicant Interview: Alex Birch**

Chairman Fillios asked Dr. Alex Birch to introduce himself to the Board. Dr. Birch explained that he was a retired anesthesiologist, having finished his residency while in the Navy and was shortly thereafter deployed to Da Nang, Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He explained that he had purchased his first aircraft while working in Alabama and had obtained all the types of piloting certificates that had been available.

Dr. Birch discussed some of his thoughts on the Coeur d'Alene Airport, explaining that he did not believe it would become a metropolitan airport any time soon, as there were too many constraints on income and on the airport.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Branch the following questions:

1. What skills and experience in group dynamics would you bring to the Airport Advisory Board that would make you an effective member?
2. What do you see is the fundamental role of the Airport Advisory Board?
3. What is your aviation experience?
4. Describe your community involvement.
5. The airport has what may become a yearly event, The Air Expo. What role(s) could you take in the planning, set-up and execution of the event?

Dr. Birch explained that he had been the director of the Casey Eye Hospital at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), which encouraged interpersonal relationships and served on the OHSU Senate and the Wake Forest University Senate, as well as serving on the Bayview Chamber of Commerce. As for the Air Expo, he said that he could see himself being in charge of safety and security.

**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. Adjournment:** Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronnie Davisson, Deputy Clerk

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