

**Minutes of Meeting
Advisory Board Interview
February 3, 2023
3:30 p.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bruce Mattare met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present were Hayden City Council Chair Ed DePriest and Kootenai County Residents Guy Dorand, Scott Scofield, Sheri Scofield, John Lyons and Diana Sheridan. Commissioner Bill Brooks was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Airport Advisory Board Interview with the Following Individual: Ed DePriest (Discussion)

Hayden City Council Chair Ed DePriest responded to the same questions as previous applicants for the Airport Advisory Board.

- Please describe any experience you have in an advisory capacity to a person or entity.
- Please describe how you approach problem solving.
- Have you ever operated in a regulatory environment and (if yes) how did you navigate the issues? Please be specific. If no, how would you advise on issues that are largely determined by a regulatory body?
- How would you prioritize the following groups (Please list them from most important to least)? BOCC, Surrounding Community, Aviation Hobbyists, Aviation Professionals.
- Between the three primary entities (the BOCC, Airport Management and the Airport Advisory Board AAB), how would you characterize the AAB's role in that mix?
- What is your aviation experience?
- Do you have time to devote to studying airport issues to gain an understanding towards making recommendations as well as volunteer for events such as The Air Expo?

Airport Advisory Board Review

Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. – BOCC Division (Closed Session – Discussion)

Decisions/Direction (Open Meeting – Action)

Chair Duncan and Commissioner Bruce Mattare agreed that the Executive Session was not required at this time.

- D. Public Comment:** 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.

Kootenai County Resident Sheri Scofield asked for additional information regarding the potential inclusion of commercial service to the Airport.

Chair Duncan stated that there was not going to be “a conversion to a commercial airport.” She said there would be up to two commercial entities that would offer service, should the proposal be approved. She added that there had been no formal presentation to the Board of Commissioners or the Airport Advisory Board yet. She remarked that the Kootenai County Airport already was technically an international airport, because a private jet could be flown from Canada or Mexico to our facility. She said that our airport did have a customs agent who could take care of their needs.

In response to a question from Kootenai County Resident Guy Dorand, Chair Duncan confirmed that no commercial carriers had been identified at this time.

Commissioner Bruce Mattare confirmed that no agreements had been signed and no formal plans laid. He said that the community would be given an opportunity to speak to the issue before any decisions were made.

Chair Duncan stated that, if the decision to move forward were made, there would be a time span of 18 months between when a given lease was signed and the completion of a project.

Mr. Dorand asked if there were any plans to expand the Airport or lengthen the runways.

Chair Duncan said that there was an Airport Layout Plan, which would be revisited and revised sometime over the next three to five years. She stated that, as of right now, there was only a plan to shorten one runway.

Ms. Scofield asked whether the frequency of flights would increase and whether flight paths would be changed.

Commissioner Mattare indicated that there was no information on those things yet. He reminded those present that there had been efforts to bring commercial service to the Airport twice before and it had not been successful.

Chair Duncan stated that Avports would make an official presentation to the BOCC at 10 a.m. and to the Advisory Board at 6 p.m. at some time in the future. She predicted that written questions would be taken and a moderator would be in charge of the meeting.

Mr. DePriest urged the Commissioners and the Advisory Board Members to research similar efforts in small airports. He expressed his concern that the Airport might be allowed to expand too much in the future.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER LOCKE, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk