

**Lewiston- Nez Perce County Regional Airport Authority**  
**Special Session Meeting Minutes**  
Airport Administration Conference Room  
Third Floor, Airport Terminal Building  
406 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID 83501

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – 5:00 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Finley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present included Commissioners Jim Finley, Pat Nuxoll, Emmett McCormick, Verl Long, and Bill McCann, Jr.

**II. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Chairman Finley asked if there were any citizen comments.

City Council Liaison Ged Randall stated there had been some confusion over the time and date of the Special Session. In addition, the Tribune failed to post the meeting to their public meetings column on Sunday.

County Commission Liaison Doug Havens expressed kudos to the Board and staff for the Ground Breaking Ceremony. It was well organized and well attended. He expressed some concern over the continuing problems with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint process. It appears the checkpoint is getting slower and more arbitrary over what must be declared. He is receiving more complaints about people missing flights, even though they were present more than 90 minutes in advance.

**III. WORK SESSION**

**A. Brownfield Grant Program**

Chairman Finley asked City Council Liaison to brief the Board on the Brownfield Grant Program. Councilor Randall explained that the program is intended to help local entities deal with contaminated grounds. The Grant program is a four-phased program, the first phase of which is strictly an analysis of the problem and is of no cost to the sponsor. The following phases, including stages that involve core sampling and possible mitigation are to some degree, grant eligible. A discussion followed, during which the possibility of tying in the Gustin Lease dilemma came up. Commissioner Nuxoll gave a synopsis of the history of the Gustin lease and its expiration in the not-too-distant future. Commissioner Randall went on to explain that the Brownfield program is administered through the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. He suggested that Airport Manager Morgan be asked to visit with City of Lewiston Community Development Director Laura Von Tersch, gather additional information, and then report back to the Board. There appeared to be consensus agreement.

## B. TANKER BASE PROGRAM

Chairman Finley introduced the topic by suggesting that the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport was potentially a viable location for a Forest Service Tanker Base. He summarized the positive aspects, noting that in general, a runway length of approximately 7,000 feet was considered the minimum for such uses. A discussion followed, with commissioners offering suggestions with respect to the pros and cons of submitting a proposal. Commissioner Nuxoll explained he had no problem petitioning the right officials for consideration, but only under the assumption that funds not be diverted from other programs at this time. Commissioner McCann suggested it was important to know who should be contacted before committing to an effort. Equally important, he stated, was a systematic effort, including visiting the appropriate officials and determining the right approach before application is made. Consensus appeared to favor Commissioner McCann's strategy with the caveat that it be done with the understanding that the existing runway configuration is part of the proposal.

## C. Master Plan Update

Chairman Finley introduced the topic by reminding Board members that the existing plan does not address a change in runway length. He handed out an excerpt from another airport's master plan using this Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport's (LWS) runway configuration and summarizing the fleet mix capability. He noted that the airport from which the excerpt came is trying to come up to the LWS standards. A general discussion followed during which Commissioners expressed a desire to develop LWS to the best of its market potential and not "chase" other airports' standards. Consensus of opinion appeared to favor keeping a "wish list" of items to be addressed in the next update when eligible.

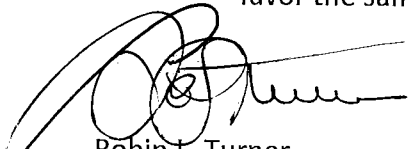
## IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Long suggested that ARFF manning concepts need to be discussed.

Council Liaison Ged Randall congratulated the Board on a good ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Finley suggested the Board meet next on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Consensus appeared to favor the same. He then adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.



Robin L. Turner  
Recording Secretary