

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DIXON AIRPORT WORKSHOP  
Tuesday, November 9, 2010  
Carbon County Higher Ed Building, Baggs, Wyoming**

A Dixon Airport Workshop held by the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at the Carbon County Higher Ed Building, Baggs, Wyoming. Attending the meeting from the County were Chairman Terry Weickum, Vice Chairman Jerry Paxton; County Clerk Gwynn Bartlett; County Treasurer Cindy Baldwin; County Attorney Cal Rerucha; County Deputy Attorney Mike Kelly; Dixon Airport Manager Barry Bryant; County Planning Director Sid Fox; Buildings Manager Leroy Graham; and County Road & Bridge Superintendent Bill Nation. Commissioner Charles Young was absent.

Also present were Commissioner-elect Leo Chapman and Steve Marshall of Airport Development Group.

Chairman Terry Weickum, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Steve Marshall provided an update of the Master Plan. He explained the steps involved to complete the Plan, numerous issues at the airport, forecast results, facility requirements, and what would need to happen to move the airport towards class B2 or C2 in the future. Mr. Marshall presented a handout explaining all issues entitled *Dixon Airport-Dixon, Wyoming Airport Master Plan*. The existing issues identified in the document are terrain east of the runway that obstructs the approach to Runway 24, proximity of terminal and B aprons to runway centerline, taxiway "Bravo" is too close to Runway 6/24, aircraft must cross Runway 6/24 to access taxiway "Bravo" and hangars, taxiway A1, B1, B2 hold lines and signage are too close to Runway 6/24, Weber and Grieve hangars (and portion of apron) are through-the-fence, and the north side hangars are not leased or owned.

Mr. Marshall explained grant assurances, essentially strings attached to grant funds the County has taken from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT). Mr. Marshall recommended he and County officials meet with the FAA and the WYDOT in the upcoming weeks to determine what issues they feel must be addressed or if they are willing to overlook these because of the limited traffic and types of uses at the airport.

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Paxton asked why there was not a master plan executed before the runway extension years ago. Mr. Marshall stated that there was only funding to extend the runway and none for a plan and that the airport board at that time had no interest in pursuing a master plan. Ex commissioner Linda Fleming stated she thought there was a plan at the time and Mr. Marshall explained there was an airport layout plan, but no formal master plan.

There was discussion about leases for current open hangar spaces and the fact that there is currently a draft lease available for review.

Chairman Weickum stated while the C2 designation options were discussed, he believed that there will likely be no need for this designation in the foreseeable future and it would not serve the needs of the airport users. The BOCC expressed its frustration of the loose ends on the original runway extension and asked Mr. Marshall what needs to happen to remain status quo and allow leases on the airport for hangars to be constructed. Mr. Marshall stated that this is just a plan and nothing has to happen.

Commissioner Paxton stated all legal issues must be resolved first such as ownership of hangars, whether or not existing hangars need moved, and what the County's role is in

the process. He asked for guidance from Mr. Marshall on how to move forward. Mr. Marshall stated that he would first like to meet with the FAA and WYDOT to determine if they are in agreement with where the airport is currently.

There was discussion of current hangar spaces available and that one individual would like to build now however the fire marshal may require a fire suppression system in the building.

Attorney Rerucha asked Mr. Marshall why the needs of future expansion were not taken into account at the time the initial expansion took place. He stated that identification of the issues discussed earlier before the runway expansion took place would have alleviated many of the issues currently. Mr. Marshall stated the reason the airport was designed as it was then is because there was only \$2 million available and that if more funds were available, ADG would have looked at designing towards full C2 standards.

Clerk Bartlett asked Mr. Marshall if no future development of the airport took place, would the County be responsible to pay back any grant funds to the FAA or WYDOT. Mr. Marshall replied that he has never seen that happen that it would be more likely that no future grant funds would be allocated towards the airport.

Chairman Weickum stated the County's goal is to have hangars built on the space made for this and the County does not think the current needs necessitate any further expansion or modification at this time.

There was some discussion about a hangar that is planned to be constructed and more concerns about the fire marshal's requirements. Deputy Attorney Kelly clarified that the County has no control over the fire marshal however the County would agree to look into any changes that could be made so the fire marshal would not require fire suppression systems.

Chairman Weickum asked Allison Pratt of Three Forks Ranch if there have been any maintenance complaints on their behalf about how the County has been maintaining the airport recently. She stated she would have to ask other staff about this and get back to him.

Chairman Weickum agreed to attend the meeting with WYDOT and the FAA and he asked all attendees to relay any concerns or questions they want asked during that meeting to Clerk Bartlett in the next couple of weeks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Weickum adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010.

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CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Chairman