

Minutes of Meeting
Discussion with FAA Representatives
July 23, 2014
1:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee, Commissioner Dan Green, and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Airport Director Greg Delavan, Administrative Assistant Mary Hopkins, Airport Advisory Board Chairman John Adams, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Representatives Gary Gates and Scott Eaton, T-O Engineers Project Manager J.R. Norvell, and Deputy Clerk Brandie Bradley.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- B. Introductions:** There were no introductions made.
- C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes made to the agenda.
- D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.
- E. New Business:**
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Representatives Gary Gates and Scott Eaton came before the Board to inquire about the decision that was made to reject acceptance of the Airport Sustainability Plan discretionary grant funds.

The Board advised the attendees that they made their decision based on the scope of the Sustainability Master Plan, the future impact to the grant funding for the Airport, the increased workload on the Airport staff, and the potential lack of implementation. The Board also shared concerns that the Sustainability Plan will be in further conflict with the master plans of other agencies within the community.

Mr. Gates addressed the concerns of the Board and advised that the County has the option to implement or forego any recommendations that are made in the Sustainability Plan, without negative impacts to future grant funding. He reiterated that the goal of the Sustainability Plan is to move the Airport from the current funding mechanism to a self-sufficient, revenue generating Airport. Mr. Gates encouraged the Board to review the documentation again and reconsider accepting the grant.

Commissioner Nelson requested that Mr. Gates provide the Board with a list of items that the County would be required to comply with, upon acceptance of the grant, for the Board's reconsideration.

Mr. Gates stated that a response is needed from the Board by the beginning of September 2014. Mr. Gates asked the Board, should they choose not to accept the grant award, to draft a letter to the FAA outlining the County's reasoning for not accepting these funds.

F. Staff Reports: There were no staff reports.

G. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Brandie Bradley, Deputy Clerk
