

**COUNTY OF PLUMAS
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 19, 2022
TIME: 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Nervino Airport
82405 Highway 70
Beckwourth, CA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Matlock, Gordon Bennie, Herb Bishop, Matthew Samuelson, Shawn McKenzie

Absent: Jon Kennedy, Todd Roberts

Also in attendance:

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director

Tim Evans, Senior Planner

JD Moore, Facility Services Director/Airports Manager

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of July 19, 2022 Agenda,

Moved by Shawn McKenzie, **Seconded by** Matthew Samuelson.

Vote: Motion carried.

Yes: Matlock, Bennie, Bishop, Samuelson, McKenzie

Absent: Kennedy, Roberts

IV. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Shawn McKenzie introduced himself and stated he has aviation experience, is a pilot, and is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Seneca Health Care District.

Commissioner Gordon Bennie introduced himself and stated he's lived in Plumas County for 4-5 years and has an interest in the development of Plumas County.

John Williamson introduced himself and stated he worked with Bill Powers on the letter that recently went to the Board of Supervisors concerning the extension of the Nervino runway.

Chris Spencer introduced herself and stated she is the Planning Commissioner for District 1.

Tom McGowan introduced himself and stated he is the Planning Commissioner for District 3.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

At this time, the public has the opportunity to address the Commission concerning any item of interest not listed on this agenda. The Commission may not discuss or take any action on any item presented during the public comment period that is not on the agenda. The Commission may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public. Upon recognition by the Chairman, please state your name, address, and subject matter. Discussion of any non-agenda items will be limited to three (3) minutes or such reasonable time as is granted by the majority of the Commission

None.

VI. **SITE VISIT**

The Commission will convene the meeting on July 19, 2022, at 1:30 pm at the address below for a site visit:

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm: Nervino Airport, 82405 Highway 70, Beckwourth, CA

The site visit is being conducted prior to the review and update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for Nervino Airport.

Commissioners will take their own personal vehicles to the site. The site will be open to the public during the Commissioner's visit. The posted time is the time period during which the Commissioners will visit Nervino Airport.

Commissioner Ron Matlock stated he wanted a site visit at every airport to see how they look and the improvements needed for each.

Discussion of the pilots lounge ensued and JD Moore, Facility Services Director/Airport Manager, stated maintenance of the lounge is not a big priority in the funding and stated a sewer connection would cost around \$628,000.00.

Commissioner Shawn McKenzie suggested having a lounge within a new steel building.

Moore explained that revenue generated from the fuel sales goes into a 'pot' of money for the airports and the money is separate from the Facility Services Department budget.

Commissioner Ron Matlock stated the airports will bring people to the area and additional revenue throughout Plumas County.

Commissioner Gordon Bennie inquired about if each airport had a business plan. Moore responded there aren't business plans, but they work with each airport manager to manage the airport.

Building on possible ways to generate revenue, Commissioner Shawn McKenzie suggested having landing and tie-down fees and Commissioner Gordon Bennie suggested looking at how other counties are generating revenue for their airports.

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director, pointed out that fee increases in government would likely require a fee study and nexus study to see if we can increase the fees to maintain the facilities.

After discussing possible ways to increase revenue to the airports, the tour of Nervino Airport by Commissioner Ron Matlock began.

Commissioner Ron Matlock pointed out the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) building to the east of the pilots lounge and stated the building is not used and should be removed to construct a wash rack. Moore commented that there's an antenna that the CAP wants to keep and the Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) shows a snow equipment building is to be constructed where the CAP building is located.

The tour continued easterly to each hangar at the airport and concluded at the area proposed for tee hangars.

Commissioner Ron Matlock mentioned the benefit of having tee hangars as being more affordable and that he would utilize a tee hangar for his aircraft.

The discussion migrated to revenue streams and various events that could be held to generate

revenue for the airport, such as STOL aircraft shows and other air shows.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Adjournment to the meeting scheduled for July 20, 2022,

Moved by Matthew Samuelson, ***Seconded by*** Gordon Bennie.

Vote: Motion carried.

Yes: Matlock, Bennie, Bishop, Samuelson, McKenzie

Absent: Kennedy, Roberts