

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD February 9, 2012
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Mayor Fritz Haemmerle. Present were Council members, Don Keirn, Pat Cooley, and Martha Burke. Staff present included City Attorney Ned Williamson, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone. Carol Brown is not in attendance. Pat Cooley joined the meeting via teleconference.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CA 054 Motion to approve minutes of January 30, 2012 and to suspend reading of them1

[12:01:25 PM](#) call to order.

[12:02:00 PM](#) Burke moved to approve the consent agenda item, Keirn seconded. Roll call vote passed. Keirn, yes. Cooley, yes. Burke, yes.

MAYOR’S REMARKS:

[12:02:22 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle proudly announced that the Wood River High School Girls Basketball won the district 42 game. They will go to the playoffs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 055 Airport discussion: Agenda for FMAA February 9th meeting (changed since draft of Feb 6th)

[12:02:54 PM](#) Mayor Haemmerle opened the discussion. In looking at the FMAA agenda, in the packet, it has been revised since the Council’s meeting on Monday February 6th. Haemmerle wonders what action would be taken on certain items. Susan McBryant [12:04:31 PM](#) , indicated that the city council would need to accept the motions made by the FMAA so that communication could be sent to the FAA. Reliability report, [12:05:39 PM](#) Haemmerle reads from the report (not in today’s packet). FAA Memorandum (Haemmerle read from this document). [12:07:17 PM](#) Rick Baird recollects the latest Joint Powers Agreement regarding northern approaches and take offs – that this is discouraged. Baird explains to the council what task he has been assigned to him from the FMAA– to discover if reliability could be improved at the current airport location. Haemmerle questions how reliability can be improved on Northern approaches to the Friedman Memorial Airport when the 2009 FAA memo indicates that these are not safe.

[12:10:28 PM](#) Baird summarizes

[12:11:53 PM](#) Haemmerle reads again from the April 29, 2009 FAA memo.

[12:13:09 PM](#) Burke explains the process, take data, report to FAA, FAA reviews report and then the report would indicate if reliability could be potentially improved at the existing airport.

[12:15:39 PM](#) Haemmerle feels the purpose of this discussion is to give guidance to the FMAA board.

[12:16:07 PM](#) Cooley would support no northern approaches to the airport.

Haemmerle asks for a motion to remove the language in the report. Burke disagrees with pulling information from a consultant's report; we should not pick and choose what is sent to the FAA. If a motion is made in support of the report then all of the ideas in the report would be a potential solution (implied) added Haemmerle.

[12:19:03 PM](#) Susan McBryant responded to Haemmerle's question. McBryant suggests to Haemmerle to draft a letter to send to the FAA making the letter clear on Hailey's position. Haemmerle gave direction, all council concurred.

[12:22:25 PM](#) Baird responded that long term solution is that an airport away from the cities is a joint goal. Baird anticipates the board (FMAA) discuss the options before making a decision. [12:24:57 PM](#) McBryant comments on the potential for reopening the EIS study and her concerns. She finds the language limiting. [12:28:26 PM](#) Burke feels that we may want to look at opening the language to look at a broader scope of area for possible future airport sites. Restart the EIS study.

[12:29:46 PM](#) Baird talks about the EIS study. The FMAA board would like to discuss with the FAA restarting the EIS. Actions would be how to open the EIS, can the FMAA offer changes to the EIS direction and understand the parameters.

Incremental improvements [12:31:24 PM](#) Baird suspects that the FMAA would give him direction tonight to understand what the plan/process would look like. First step, second step, cost estimate, next consultant conversation regarding cost estimates. Baird brought with him a narrative report of the ALP report.

[12:35:21 PM](#) Action plan on passenger ? Baird continue participating in the SMS process.

Discussion ensues regarding the potential of RJ aircraft (70 seats) replacing Embraers. We don't have to like RJ's or accept them with open arms even though it is not our decision on whether or not they would fly into our airport.

McBryant agrees with keirn, RJ's will be a part of our future. We should be proactively involved in learning all we can about the aircraft.

Other category on the FMAA agenda. Commissioner Schoen's letter. Williamson reads letter to Barry libovi. [12:44:46 PM](#) asking who is the sole owner of the airport. Haemmerle feels that no

action should be taken in response to this letter; unless the board deliberates and gives direction to the attorney.

[12:48:47 PM](#) Dawson distributed a document from Blaine County, they are asking for representation on Monday 2/13 at 1 pm.

Public comments:

There were no public comments.

Mayor Haemmerle adjourned the meeting at 12:52 P.M.