

Airport Board Minutes

Boundary County Airport Board Meeting April 7, 2026.

Present: Rick Durden, Don Jordan, Jay Wages, Pat Gardner, Scott Hittle, Trey Dail, and Ken Baker

Airport Manager: Dave Parker

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Jay Wages.

Rick Durden moved acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting, the motion was seconded by Don Jordan, and it passed unanimously.

North Bench Fire Hall

Ken Baker of the North Bench Volunteer Fire District came to the meeting to discuss how much longer the fire hall that is on airport property can stay where it is. It is a non-aviation use of airport property which is contrary to FAA grant requirements and the FAA has been pushing the County to rectify the situation for nearly 20 years. Currently the Fire Hall has three years left on a five-year lease. The Fire District does not have the funds to move and wants to stay where it is longer than three more years.

Dave Parker thought that the NBFH purchase of land north of Three mile was good and explained that the non-aviation use of the airport property is a temporary solution. Doing things to run counter to the FAA and the purpose that the land was purchased for puts upcoming grants at risk, however, he wants to work with the Fire District to see if something can be worked out, potentially another five-year lease when current lease expires. Fire District should accept the reality that it's going to have to move in the future and make concrete plans to do so.

Old Business

Update on Airport Grant Projects

Trey Dail and Dave Parker reported that things are starting to move fast. The runway shift work is out for bid. Bids open April 28 with a pre-bid meeting to take place on April 15.

During construction the airport runway will be closed for 50 days starting in mid-June of 2027. Prior to the closure a runway threshold will be displaced 500 feet for construction shortening the useful length to 3500 feet. The new instrument approach should be approved, published and in use by August 2027.

The County attorney approved the grant paperwork today, the Commissioners will get it for signing next week.

Monies from the Idaho Department of Transportation due to the County are expected soon, almost a year late. State money is in for a new taxilane, and the intent is to start on it as soon as possible.

Hangar A

The attorney for Albert Wolf has sued the County to compel it to extend his hangar lease. However, he missed the window to request a lease extension. The County Commissioners met in closed session to discuss the lawsuit. Dave Parker reported that Mr. Wolf has cleaned most of his stuff out of the hangar.

Hangar Sites and Application Fee

Dave Parker noted that the hangar lease rate is currently 16 cents per square foot and the application fee to lease land and build a hangar is \$3,000. He provided comparisons with other airports within 100 miles in the U.S. The lease rate is slightly below average, especially for an airport with the services that we have. Dave also mentioned that the application fee is no longer adequate to cover the costs involved with opening up new areas for hangars such as building taxiways, grading, running electricity and gas.

After extensive discussion, Rick Durden moved to recommend to the County Commission that the land lease rate be increased to 18 cents per square foot. Don Jordan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rick Durden then moved to recommend to the County Commission that the application fee for a lease to build a hangar be increased to \$5,000. Pat Gardener seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Morelli House

Dave Parker reported that the renters in what is referred to as the Morelli House that is directly south of the runway, and which will be torn down in June 2027 for the runway gave notice that they were moving out. The current rent is \$1,800 per month. It was the consensus of the Board that Dave Parker should seek to rent the house until June of 2027.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.