

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
AIRPORT STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
WEBEX, WEBEX  
Regular Meeting**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>March 8, 2021</b>
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Board members present: Chair Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chair Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner Wright

**Others:** Neil Caulkins, Mandy Buchholz, Milk Toast

**Meeting Call to Order: Chair Brett Wachsmith 11:00AM**

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:**

Director Grannan expressed gratitude to the BoCC for the financial support of new equipment. To date the airport has purchased a flail mower, 15' batwing rotary mower and a used John Deere 6115D Tractor for maintenance operations. There were some adjustments to the proposed equipment plan in order to obtain the most appropriate tractor which includes a 3-year factory warranty.

**DNR LOT ADJUSTMENT**

Director Grannan presented the lot reduction request by the Department of Natural Resources on their current leased property. The desire to reduce the lot size has both positive and negative effects on the airport. Negatively it will reduce revenue by approximately \$30,000 annually. From a positive perspective it will open approximately 8 acres of land with airport access for future development. If marketed early this may reduce the initial revenue loss by amending the lease.

**CISA INTERVIEW**

Director Grannan discussed the interview with CISA (Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency) about the airport resiliency study underway. Currently Homeland Security is doing a study of infrastructure to determine available assets in case of a Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake. The study evaluated the airports potential resiliency during such an event and made some suggestions for future planning. Currently the airport has no backup systems for power, water or fuel which would be an asset in such an event. The airport also lacks a circular transportation pattern of ingress and egress, the future expansion of Bowers Road would eliminate this concern. The airport lacks integration into the County Emergency Plan as currently written. These are all items to discuss when taking into account further development of Bowers Field.

**RUNWAY 7-25**

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Currently being discussed by the airport community is the future of runway 7-25. Director Grannan discussed the three major options on the table needing further discussion with the Airport Advisory Committee and others. The three options are to 1.) reconstruct the runway per the 100% completed design with costs estimated at \$1.35 million. 2.) eliminate the runway from future development and leave as is, and 3.) develop an alternative runway, i.e. grass. The impact of each option was discussed with the understanding this is the beginning of the discussion and much more research needs to be done prior to making any decisions.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Grannan discussed infrastructure needs at the airport including a new Hangar/Office/Community space and back-up services. FAA reimbursements and grant administration was also discussed including a question by Commissioner Wright if selecting a different meeting time would be beneficial to the effectiveness of the AAC meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44AM

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**Brett Wachsmith, Chairman**