

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
AIRPORT STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG  
Regular Meeting**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>September 13, 2021</b>
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Board members present: Chair Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz, and Commissioner Cory Wright

**Others:** Ken Grannan and David Welz

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

**Request to Bid:**

Director Grannan reported the Airport's intent to bring the Agricultural Lands to bid at the next regular BoCC meeting. Bids should open up on 9/22/2021 and close at 1600 on 10/8/2021. Special instructions will be issued to prevent any potential unfair bidding practices. Only one bid will be accepted per ranch, per parcel.

Commissioners Wachsmith and Osiadacz recommended use the Secretary of State databases to ensure only one vote is originating per ranch. Commissioner Osiadacz further recommended Director Grannan speak to the Prosecutor about including language in the lease to void the agreement in the event that malfeasance is discovered in the bidding process.

**Budget Requests:**

Director Grannan expressed the need for additional funds in the budgeting process. With the requirement of the Airport Department to manage more of the Agricultural Lands, more capital equipment will need to be purchased. Director Grannan further expressed the need for funds to mitigate the Ellensburg Pallet Company site and to remove old foundations spread throughout the business park.

Director Grannan requested the continued use of Admission Tax funds to pay for the Administrative Assistant position at the Airport. Commissioners Wachsmith and Osiadacz discussed the need to review Admission Tax funds as whole, with new funds being awarded to the Public Health Department.

Commissioner Wright inquired on the potential of the Airport to purchase/build a maintenance shop and the EBDA building. Director Grannan reported the need to purchase/build a maintenance shop is potentially curtailed due to potential private investment on the Airport. He also reported a lack of response on the part of EBDA concerning the potential sale of the building on Lot C-1A.

**AAC – Economic Subcommittee:**

Director Grannan provided an update and expressed his gratitude for the work being done by the Airport Advisory Committee's Economic Development Subcommittee. With current zoning requirements some of the items being brought up by the subcommittee will need to be tabled until the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County is completed.

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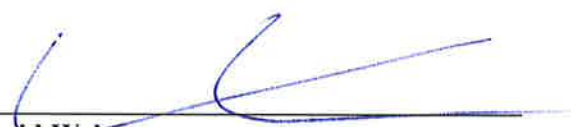
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Director Grannan reports that once the Subcommittee has completed their efforts the Airport Department will reach out to Centerfuse, the Chamber of Commerce, and Commercial Real Estate Consultants to further market the Bowers Field Business Park.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.



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David Welz

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman