

**MINUTES**  
**BIG BEAR AIRPORT DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 7, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Community Services District Board Room**  
**139 East Big Bear Blvd.**  
**Big Bear City, California**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. The Special Meeting of the Big Bear Airport Board of Directors was called to order by President Obernolte, February 7, 2007 at 2:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jay Obernolte, Vice President  
Russell Lowery, Vice President  
Thorne Waymire, Secretary/Auditor  
George Berge, Director  
Gary Steube, Director

Others Present: Garry Dokter, General Manager  
Carol Binford, Recording Secretary

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion to approve was made by Vice President Lowery and seconded by Secretary/Auditor Waymire
3. **MINUTES APPROVAL:** President Obernolte deferred approving the minutes of these two meeting until the next Board Meeting. The Board agreed
4. **VISITORS COMMENTS:** Dan Easterby, a Commercial Tenant of Evergreen Properties who owns Airport Rent A Car stated that he was greatly disturbed by the amount of vandalism occurring on the airport due to, in his opinion, a lack of security. He has had tires on two of his cars slashed, he has seen air plane tires slashed, license plate stickers stolen, a Barnstorm employee has had their car keyed and a skateboarder used foul language while threatening a patron of the airport who had his small son with him. Teen age skate boarder vandalism is out of control. They dig around in the trash, spitting on the windows the list goes on and on. They have no fear when it comes to authority figures. He himself was threatened with a skateboard. They are creating a huge liability for the airport. He suggested a method implemented by Snow Summit. If they catch someone on their premises they take a picture of the person, they have them sign a document and that relieves their right to trespass. So if that person trespasses again Snow Summit can call the Sheriff and have them arrested for trespassing.

Chris Gable's owner of FBO Carriage stood up and told the Board he has seen many of the same things and supports Dan Easterby 100% that something needs to be done. Vice President Lowery asked that this problem be put on the agenda. President Obernolte requested the recording secretary to put this matter on the March Board Meeting.

Chris Gable also wanted to share that his friend just took delivery of the first VLJ, the Eclipse. They are out flying it touring the country showing the advantages of this new technology.

**5. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION HONORING BOB McNUTT:** President Obernolte requested Mrs. Sue McNutt join him on the dais where he read out loud the Proclamation Honoring Bob and then presented the framed picture of Bob and the proclamation to his wife.

**6. ANNUAL AUDIT:** Postponed to next meeting.

**7. PRESENTATION BY BIG BEAR VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Kathleen Campbell gave a 25 minute slide presentation to the Board stating all of the Parks and Recreation's reason's why the Big Bear Airport District purchasing Bear City Park would be a win win for both agencies.

Vice President Lowery gave a history of the last time the airport was granted the money to buy the park and why they decided to not to execute the Grant.

Director Berge asked Manager Dokter who would be provided the money if the Airport did decide to buy the land. Manager Dokter said the FAA would fund the money or if necessary reimburse the money for the purchase. If the land was purchased with FAA money it the use of the park would have to be what the FAA considers "compatible use" which does not include parks or public gatherings, it would have to be storage units or nursery or auto parking.

President Obernolte asked Kathleen Campbell that if the Airport purchased this land the money would be used to build a new park? Kathleen Campbell responded "that is correct and that there is a code somewhere that states the money must be spent on a like park somewhere close by."

The Board asked questioned of Kathleen Campbell and each other then opened the floor to comments. Several people came forward to express their opinion of this matter including Mr. Dick Lightner, former Airport Manager

Jeanne Vaughan of the Lions Club – Pro Park

Barrett Macanerny –Resident – Pro Park

Gloria Meade of the Historical Society – Pro Park

Marge McDonald – CSD - Against

Jamie Wilcott - Resident & Supervisor Hansberger's field rep in Big Bear - For

Casey Benson – Recreation & Park Member and Parent - For

Reese Trumblefield – Recreation & Park Superintendent - For

Kathleen Poole – Park & Recreation Board Member - For

Manager Dokter said that the timing of the application applying anytime between now and next year is not going to make a difference on when money is granted. It goes on an annual cycle. We could put it in our five year plan but the application won't be received until next year.

Vice President Lowery made the motion to instruct Manager Dokter to apply for an FAA Grant to purchase the property from Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Gary Steube. The Motion was carried with a vote of 3 ayes to 2 nays with Director Berge and Secretary Waymire objecting.

**5 Minute Recess**

**8. MANAGERS REPORT**

**a.** Proposed cell tower at Riffenburgh Lumber: The Planning Commission of the City of Big Bear Lake at their regular meeting today voted to instruct staff to re-advertise this item to the public

and put it on the agenda two weeks from now which is the 21<sup>st</sup> of February at which time the Planning Commission will reopen the public hearing. This gives us the opportunity to better make our case. I would ask the Board of Directors to appear at that meeting to state our objections and safety concerns to the cell tower. The pilots association is going to make a strong showing and get as many members as possible to be there. I expect statements from the FAA Western Pacific Region stating the shortcomings of the FAR Part 77 study, I expect the Runway Safety Team to make a similar statement, I expect input from CalTrans Division of Aeronautics stating a couple of things. One is their safety concerns; the California land use plan which requires careful CEQUA review of any obstruction within two miles of an airport so they are going to bring up CEQUA concerns I expect strong support from AOPA in the airport support network. And also I will make a presentation on the differences between FAR Part 77 studies and the type of navigates that they were intended to support and today's real environment of satellite based navigation satellite based approaches and the TERPS evaluation of those which is quite different from FAR 77 and also have the FAA say we have been in negotiations on these types of approaches. So we need to make a very strong showing at this meeting to convince the Planning Commission that this one study done in Texas without any input and with a lot of restraints it doesn't necessarily mean that the FAA has spoken and that there are other concerns that they need to consider. I think it is important to get them to decline the issuance of the Condition Use Permit because ultimately the unhappy party is going to appeal to the City Council. It's much easier for the City Council to uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation than to overturn it.

Ken Campbell, President of the Pilots Association, surveyed the membership and out of 87 members he received direct Responses from 77. Three recused themselves, two said it was OK and the balance were all strongly against building the tower at the Riffenburgh location seeing it as a safety hazard. He asked the Newspaper and the Board to help the Pilots Association get this message across to the Planning Commission.

Manager Dokter said the Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:15 at the city Hall.

President Obernolte continued this meeting to February 13, 2007 at 2:00 pm at CSD **Community Services District Board Room**  
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