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Members Present.....Commissioner J.R. Iman, Commissioner Suzy Foss, Commissioner Ron Stoltz and Commissioner Matt Kanenwisher

Date.....November 30, 2011

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met at 9:30 a.m. with Rick Donaldson, Vice President of Robert Peccia & Associates and Dan Nordry, Environmental Specialist, in order to discuss the Airport Environmental Assessment project approach. Also present were members of the Airport Board, numerous citizens, Bitterroot Star Publisher Michael Howell, Ravalli Republic Reporter Whitney Bermes and RC Watchdog Maggie Wright.

Rick Donaldson addressed the following phases for this Environmental Assessment which included Phase 1 (Scoping); Phase 2 (Inventory & Forecasting); Phase 3 (Revise Draft Environmental Assessment). (See attached Contract Services Summary). Rick noted one issue that will take quite a bit of time will be the user and agency aircraft use, of which they have already started on survey letters.

Dan Nordry described the process for the environmental assessment, noting the last environmental assessment never got past the draft stage so that is where they are starting. This revised draft will discuss and evaluate the potential environmental effects of implementing the proposed action. Dan noted this environmental assessment will be in compliance with NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) and MPEA (Montana's Environmental Policy Act). A new introduction section will be included which will explain why a new revised environmental assessment is occurring. When the draft is completed it will be sent to the FAA for their review and FONSI (finding of no significant information).

The time line was addressed. Rick stated the contract with Ravalli County the schedule shows a completion around April 2012, however that is contingent upon the county's review and FAA.

Public comment was called for.

Dennis Moore asked what documentation is required from the FAA for approval. Dan stated the FONSI is the decision document from the FAA. Dennis stated Dan had made a comment that the current E.A. was not approved, however he understands they issued a FONSI and letter of determination. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated the FONSI does not mean the county accepted those findings. Dan stated the completion of the NEPA process is the FONSI and letter of determination.

Public comment was closed. The meeting was adjourned.