



Magic Valley Airport Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 11:00 AM

Joslin Room (Terminal)
492 Airport Loop
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Members: Sherry Olsen Frank, Dan Olmstead, Jim O'Donnell, Scott Martin, Taylor Morgan, J.P. O'Donnell

Council Liaison: Chris Reid; **County Liaison:** Suzanne Hawkins

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Present: Jim O'Donnell, Taylor Morgan, J.P. O'Donnell, Sherry Olsen Frank, Daniel Olmstead, Scott Martin (via phone)
Absent: Chris Reid and Suzanne Hawkins
Staff Present: Matt Barnes and Emma Duke
Guests: BLM — Eric Gleckler; JUB — Kent Atkin, Christine Roemeling, Thomas Lejia; Jackson Jet Center — Jared Vanderkooi; Tom Frank; Kirk Tubbs

Jim O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. A quorum was present.

2) Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda

None

3) Approval of Minutes

a) Request to approve the May 5th, 2026, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Sherry Olsen Frank moved to approve the minutes. Daniel Olmstead seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion – Scott Martin abstained.

4) General Public Input

Kirk Tubbs informed the group that he is currently running for Twin Falls County Commissioner as an independent candidate.

5) Status

a) Air Service Update

Matt Barnes announced that from 1PM to 2PM, following this meeting, there would be a Runway Safety Action Team meeting hosted by local Air Traffic Control — all were welcome to attend.

Matt has started establishing closer relationships with SkyWest and Breeze airlines, and set up meetings to discuss how air service is progressing. It was recognized that there is growth happening, with an increase in load factor from 60% last year to 72% this year on SkyWest flights.

b) Airport Lead Operator Position Update

Matt Barnes announced that Paul Brady has been promoted to Lead Operator. Matt and Paul attended a hiring event to fill the remaining Airport Operator position. Jim O'Donnell informed the board that the airport advisory board was considered to be on the hiring committee, but was not needed this time.

c) TSA Precheck Event(s)

Matt Barnes acknowledged the community's interest in another TSA Precheck event. Communication with Clear is in the works, but dates have not been set.

d) BLM Fire Season Preparations

Eric Gleckler with BLM noted surrounding areas that are currently dry. The Twin Falls Air Tanker Base opened nearly a month early due to this.

e) Budget Update

Matt Barnes informed the board that the airport budget presentation will be held during the City Council meeting on July 20th at 5PM. The City and County meeting will be in July to discuss the County's contribution.

f) The Airfield Insider

Matt Barnes mentioned that 68% of recipients opened the newsletter, sent out earlier in the week. After being featured in the first edition, Taylor Morgan chose Sherry Olsen-Frank for the next board member biography, and Emma Duke is next in line for the employee bio. Matt clarified for Sherry that there are a handful of people who take on the responsibility of posting to the Airport's Facebook and Instagram pages.

g) AIP Project Update

Kent Atkin gave a brief overview of projects in progress, such as bids being submitted and pavement being pulled up on Northwest Apron. Kent clarified for JP O'Donnell details of storm water drainage improvement on the Northwest Apron.

6) Items of Consideration

None

7) General Input/Announcements - Public/Staff*

Jared Vanderkooi gave an update on the Jackson Jet Center — traffic increases for April and May, which helps fuel sales, as well as the Allen & Co event which will be July 7 – 12th. Dan Olmstead announced that a fellow pilot recently passed away, Kevin Trainor.

8) Upcoming Meeting(s)

a) Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

9) Adjournment

MOTION: Sherry Olsen Frank moved to adjourn. J.P. O'Donnell seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion – Scott Martin abstained. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.