



Magic Valley Airport Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 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, Scott Martin, Daniel Olmstead, Sherry Olsen Frank (via phone)

Absent: N/A

Staff: Matt Barnes, Emma Duke, Angel Gonzalez, Suzie Hawkins, Chris Reid, and Shawn

Present: Barigar

Guests: JUB — Kent Atkin, Christine Roemeling, Thomas Lejia; Jackson Jet Center — Jared Vanderkooi; four (4) guests

Jim O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM. A quorum was present.

2) Consideration of Amendments to the Agenda

None

3) Approval of Minutes

a) Request to approve the June 2nd, 2026, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Taylor Morgan moved to approve the minutes. Sherry Olsen Frank seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion.

4) General Public Input

None

5) Status

a) Airport Updates

Matt Barnes shared an overview of the Badging Office actions and new performance measures. Angel reported that no badge applications have been denied and approximately 560 badges are issued currently. The operating budget submitted to the County for a funding request was briefly reviewed, with the emphasis that the airport does not plan to use reserves to cover operating costs. The part-time custodian position was removed, and custodial services will be contracted out during times when the full-time custodian is unavailable. Updates were provided on the NW Apron Project, next year's grants, and air service activity, including SkyWest and Breeze enplanements and ongoing communication with airline partners. Community outreach efforts were reviewed, including the Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow, school tours, TFFD and Jae Foundation partnerships, Twin Falls Concert Series, National Night Out with date to be determined, and Latino Fest on August 29.

Matt also highlighted improved social media activity and engagement on Facebook and

Instagram. Jared Vanderkooi suggested airport staff connect with the smoke jumpers currently based at the airport for a potential story.

b) Allen and Co. Activity

Jared Vanderkooi said that the Allen and Company event was successful with zero incidents and approximately 30 planes parked on the ramp. Jackson Jet Center brought in staff from Phoenix and Boise to assist. Lessons learned will be used to identify improvements for future years. Jared also mentioned that Jackson Jet Center will be advertising the airport during the upcoming Tailhook conference. J.P. O'Donnell asked about the NOTAMs that closed Runway 12/30. He noted that an incident during the event delayed takeoffs and landings because the other runway had been closed for parking under the NOTAMs. Discussion followed regarding possible solutions, and Matt Barnes noted that staff will review this more closely during planning for next year.

c) AIP Project Update

Kent Atkin provided status updates on several projects, including the NW Apron Project, which is complete except for final striping; three equipment acquisition grants currently underway; pavement maintenance planned for spring 2027; and terminal access improvements planned for spring 2027. He also noted that the final runway design is expected later next year. At that time, information will be shared with airlines, tenants and the airport community regarding operational impacts.

6) Items of Consideration

None

7) General Input/Announcements - Public/Staff*

Scott Martin asked about the arcade games located in the terminal gate area that seem to be non-operational. Matt Barnes made a note to address this.

Matt Barnes addressed the tragic events that occurred over the weekend and encouraged everyone to support one another and reach out for help if needed. He also noted that misinformation can be mitigated by relying on official sources for information. Suzie Hawkins mentioned that a candlelight vigil for the victims would be held at 9:00 p.m.

Kirk Lindley requested to speak with Matt Barnes regarding events at the airport. The guest also expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Advisory Board and offered support where needed.

John Jacobson, with the Indivisible Group, mentioned that the group monitors ICE flights on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

8) Upcoming Meeting(s)

a) Tuesday, September 1st, 2026

9) Adjournment

MOTION: Taylor Morgan moved to adjourn. J.P. O'Donnell seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM