

**City of Colville**  
**COLVILLE 2000 AND BEYOND Airport Study Committee**  
 January 5, 2010 (Meeting #3)  
 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. – City Hall

Purpose:

1. Prepare for January 14<sup>th</sup> Open House
2. Update Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
3. Seek consensus on a Goal and Needs Statement for the airport

**Committee members** (x indicates attendance)

X	Bud Budinger	X	Ed Gray		Bruce Nelson
	Paul Buxton	X	Velmer Hawkins		Curtis Pedersen
	Bob Campbell			X	Steve Rawlings
X	Steve Cockerham	X	Greg Knight	X	John Smith
X	Forrest Collins	X	Doug Kyle	X	Mark Smith
X	Bill Danekas		Don and Frances Loan		Loren Torgerson
X	Raymond Driggs	X	Cecil McNinch	X	Russ Vaagen
X	Ken Emmil				Troy Washburn

Facilitator- Lori Isenberg  
 Consulting Engineer- Larry Comer, P.E.

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A meeting of the Colville 2000 and Beyond Committee was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2010, at 6:30 P.M., at City Hall.

Facilitator Lori Isenberg welcomed the public and committee members and reviewed the purpose of tonight's meeting as listed above. (Refer to the attached Agenda and two handouts)

The public information open house will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup>. It is presently scheduled at the City Hall. The committee members were quite concerned that this location would be too small. Ken Emmil offered to check on availability of the High School or Jr. High School cafeteria for the Open House. Ken also thought that students may be interested in helping with the open house.

Lori suggested the public Open House include displays which address 1) Facts, 2) Questions, and 3) How To Be Involved. The committee members discussed and agreed that at the end of Open House, there should be an open mic / public comment period. Lori will provide a format at the Open House for the public to make written comments and display these at Various stations in the room. The committee also requested that a clerk from the city also be available to record and transcribe verbal comments.

One of the issues which the committee would like to be explained at the Open House is the FAA / NEPA Site Selection and Environmental Assessment Process. Lori explained that the FAA / NEPA process is intended to explore options, communicate with the public and consider impacts.

The committee also emphasized that the proposal at hand is the "relocation" of the existing airport. This is a better description of what is being proposed compared to a "new" airport, since Colville already owns and operates an airport.

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The question arose whether some entity other than the City of Colville could own and operate the airport. Lori explained that this could be one of the outcomes of the FAA / NEPA process and that there are several different models of ownership / operation by agencies. Doug explained that at this time, the intent of the Colville City Council is that the City would continue to take the lead on the airport planning and relocation.

Russ Vaagen suggested that a business plan will be needed to prepare a prospectus for operating a regional airport. Steve Rawlings noted that every NEPA environmental assessment must also include the “No Action” alternative, which would be to maintain the existing airport at the current location.

Lori led a discussion with the committee to review the Draft Statement of Need, Goals and Objectives provided on the attached handout. After considerable discussion, the committee determined there was no consensus on the Statement of Need. The committee also determined that the Objectives would duplicate criteria which the FAA has already published in its policies and procedures.

The committee then focused on the Goal statement and unanimously approved the following statement to be presented at the Open House:

***Goal***

*Relocate the existing airport to improve safety in the air and on the ground, provide opportunities for expanded service, and stimulate economic development, while honoring the character and values of the Colville community and surrounding area.*

In closing, Lori led the group in discussing details about the Open House. The committee agreed to the time of 4:30 to 6:30 pm, after which time the open mic would be available to receive verbal public comments. Doug, John, Velmer, and Russ agreed to assist Lori as hosts from the Committee. Ken will also see if some High School students could help.

Ken Emmil and Steve Rawlings wanted to re-iterate that the School Board and USFS has not taken an official position on the airport relocation proposal.

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