Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Tony DeBone and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack; Deputy County Administrator Whitney Hale; Assistant Legal Counsel Kim Riley; and BOCC Executive Assistant Brenda Fritsvold.

This meeting was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal webpage www.deschutes.org/meetings.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Adair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Work Session: Redmond Airport Master Plan Update Text Amendment

Tarik Rawlings, Senior Transportation Planner, said a public hearing has been scheduled before the Board on January 31st regarding a request submitted by the City of Redmond for amendments to Deschutes County Code section 18.80.030, which concerns the Redmond Municipal Airport's Airport Safety Combining Zone. Given issues with the public hearing notice, staff recommends opening the hearing on January 31st and continuing the hearing to February 21st. Following the initial public hearing on November 7, 2023 at which two comments were received, the Hearings Officer recommended approval of the amendments.
Rawlings explained that the requested amendments relate to the imaginary surfaces and noise contour boundaries of the Airport Safety Combining Zone. Aviation-related imaginary surfaces are imagined areas both on the ground and in space which are established in relation to the airport and its runways. Such imaginary surfaces allow for specific aviation uses and actions within their defined boundaries; the allowed uses and actions involve travel to, from, or around a given airport. A noise contour boundary delineates an area extending beyond the airport, inside of which certain noise decibel ratings could be disturbing to residential properties and other land uses.

Rawlings said the proposed amendments would bring the Code sections which describe imaginary surfaces into alignment with the Redmond Municipal Airport's approved 2018 Master Plan update. He noted that because the airport's surrounding properties include lands designated for agricultural use, Deschutes County Code requires this application to be heard de novo before the Board.

Rawlings concluded that the draft Zone Change Map and legal description are not yet available and will be presented when the public hearing is continued in February.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Rawlings confirmed that both the Airport Safety Combining Zone and the noise contour boundary are being enlarged. Rawlings added these increases affect about 125 properties, most of which were already impacted (in these cases, the new boundary changes would simply apply to a larger area of previously identified properties). Rawlings said whether previously impacted or not, the owner of each affected property received a public notice which, in accordance with State Measure 56, included notice of a potential impact to property values.

Will Groves, Planning Manager, said most of the imaginary surfaces extend more than 150 feet above the ground, and require that allowable residential construction be coordinated with the FAA. Regarding properties affected by the noise contour boundaries, Groves added that most residences in Central Oregon have sufficient insulation for warmth during cold temperatures, and such insulation also protects against noise.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeBone announced a COIC Board meeting this Thursday where its Comprehensive Plan will be finalized.
- Commissioner Chang reported that the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Committee will meet tonight to draft an application to the State for funding.
Commissioner DeBone announced that interviews were held this morning for the vacant community representative position on the COIC Board representing the tourism and recreation industries. Two applicants were interviewed.

Commissioner Chang said while both candidates are well-qualified and would do an excellent job, he supported appointing Aaron Switzer due to his relevant business experience.

Commissioner DeBone also expressed his appreciation for both candidates and their industry experience. He supported appointing Kristine McConnell due to her connections to the Warm Springs Tribe and stakeholders in other counties. Commissioner DeBone added that COIC also has a budget committee position open this year, which could be offered to Switzer.

DEBONE: Move to appoint Kristine McConnell to the COIC Board as a community representative for the tourism and recreation industries

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANGE: (abstained)
DEBONE: Yes
ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion carried 2 – 1 – 0

Commissioner Adair said some of the bleachers at the Sisters Rodeo facility are disintegrating and may be costly to repair or replace.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm.

DATED this 14th day of February 2024 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR

ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR

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