

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 7

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAILEY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE OPERATION AND RELOCATION AND DISCONTINUATION OF THE FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the Friedman Memorial Airport is located on approximately two hundred (200) acres within the City of Hailey;

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey is responsible for the health, safety and general welfare of Hailey residents;

WHEREAS, the Friedman Memorial Airport is located in a mountainous environment, and is surrounded by and in close proximity to residences, health care facilities, an elementary school, senior citizen center and various businesses;

WHEREAS, the airspace in the immediate vicinity of the Friedman Memorial Airport has many penetrating obstructions, such as power poles, mountains, trees and buildings, which create safety concerns;

WHEREAS, as stated in the Hailey Comprehensive Plan, the City of Hailey supports planning efforts to relocate the Friedman Memorial Airport based primarily on safety concerns with the existing Friedman Memorial Airport site;

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey believes that a relocated airport will promote reliability of both commercial and general aviation uses;

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey and Blaine County have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement and amendments thereto, which create the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority to govern the management and operation of the Friedman Memorial Airport;

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey and Blaine County entered into an Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, recorded as Instrument No. 589295, records of the County Recorder, Blaine County, Idaho;

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey has adopted resolutions expressing its intent to relocate the Friedman Memorial Airport in City of Hailey Resolution Nos. 2007-16 and 2009-19;

WHEREAS, the Blaine County has adopted resolutions expressing its intent to relocate the Friedman Memorial Airport in Blaine County Resolution Nos. 2007-73 and 2009-50;

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Study (“EIS”) was initiated to identify and evaluate sites to relocate the Friedman Memorial Airport;

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey believes commercial and general aviation airport uses must continue to be consolidated to fund airport operations and to guarantee economic viability of a relocated airport;

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey believes the continuation of the current site of the Freidman Memorial Airport, as an airport for commercial and/or general aviation uses, is not in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Hailey, would be detrimental to the quality of life within the City of Hailey and would not promote the general health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Hailey.

WHEREAS, in a letter dated August 22, 2011, the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) indefinitely suspended work on the draft EIS “due to the increased anticipated costs of the project and potential impacts to wildlife”;

WHEREAS, following the suspension of the EIS, the FAA asked the community to evaluate all options for operations of commercial and general aviation;

WHEREAS, the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority has conducted public hearings throughout Blaine County and the City of Hailey has conducted public hearings in Hailey to discuss options for operations of commercial and general aviation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hailey believes it is beneficial to memorialize its guiding principles in light of the present status of operations of commercial and general aviation at the Friedman Memorial Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hailey, Idaho that the City of Hailey adopt the Guiding Principles attached hereto as **Exhibit “A.”**

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON
MARCH 5, 2012.

Fritz X. Haemmerle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cone, City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

HAILEY’S GUIDING PRINCIPLES (2012)

1. The City believes that an airport with commercial service is important to the Wood River Valley. But, the City believes loss of commercial service, which results in a general aviation airport only, is highly undesirable.
2. The City of Hailey remains committed to the 1994 Master Plan in the long term, which calls for relocation of an airport away from cities.
3. The City knows that relocation of the Friedman Memorial Airport may be a very long term process; however, in the meantime, to keep the relocation process moving, the City will request the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority (“FMAA”) and the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to restart the EIS process.
4. The City knows that the Friedman Memorial Airport may serve as the airport for the Wood River Valley for the short, medium and even long term while airport relocation is pursued.
5. The City will support the FMAA and FAA in developing an Airport Layout Plan (“ALP”) for the Friedman Memorial Airport that addresses potential reliability improvements, as well as FAA design standard deficiencies. Until the ALP is developed and presented for consideration by the City, the City supports the present configuration and operation of Friedman Memorial Airport.
6. In reviewing reliability improvement issues and issues related to FAA design standard compliance, the City will balance any increased reliability with the potential for increased impacts to our citizens and the costs associated with improvements to reliability.
7. The City supports the Friedman Memorial Airport; however, that support cannot continue if airport operations and/or physical layout jeopardize the health, safety or quality of life for Hailey citizens (*e.g.*, approaches and takeoffs over north Hailey). Safety and quality of life should never be compromised in favor of any other guiding principle.
8. The joint governing authorities should develop concrete steps for a dual path approach: short term safety improvements and long term relocation.