

**CITY OF LANDER  
SPECIAL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
240 LINCOLN STREET  
LANDER, WY 82520  
January 23, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**THE CITY OF LANDER IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

**Governing Body Present:** Mayor Monte Richardson, Council President Cade Maestas, Council Members Dan Hahn, Missy White, John Larsen, Chris Hulme, Mike Kusiek

**City Staff Present:** City Attorney Adam Phillips, City Engineer/Public Works Director Lance Hopkin, Assistant Mayor Rajean Strube Fossen, Chief Thomas Shroyer

Mayor Richardson Called the meeting to order 6:00

Mayor Richardson lead the pledge of allegiance

Council Member White moved to accept the agenda Council Member Hulme 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
Motion passed

I. Accept the resignations of the Airport Board Members

Council Member White moved Council President Maestas 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Mayor Richardson thanked the previous board members for their service to our community.  
Motion passed

II. Resolution 1172 , A Resolution Dissolving and Discontinuing the City of Lander's Airport Board

Council President Maestas moved to approve, Council Member Hahn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Mayor Richardson I think that this is a good move for our airport for the City Staff and the Airport Manager to take care of it.

Council Member Larsen, I think that this would be a mistake. I go back to the time that I was on the airport board and it is nice to have multiple opinions to assist on making decisions.

City Attorney Phillips, Wyoming statue 10-5-203 allows for the dissolution of the board and the City staff could take over the management of the airport. The Board could be reestablished at any time if this avenue does not work. If Council does not act to dissolve the board tonight then you will need to act quickly as state statute requires all the seats be filled by the first Monday in February.

Discussion was held by Council regarding dissolution of the Board, and different options before them.

Council Member Hulme, I would like to thank Rajean for the information she provided regarding the duties of the airport board and what they were responsible for.

City Attorney Phillips, doing a lot of research weather there is a board, staff, or a volunteer group it really depends on if you have the right people in this group is all that matters.

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen if this is approved tonight, for the next 90 days council is responsible for these duties. After those 90 days the city will need to put forth a plan on how the airport is going to be run.

Council Member Hahn, we have a year off at our airport until the next big project happens.

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen design in 2022 and construction happening in 2023.

Council Member White, what is staff's capacity for managing the airport?

Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen, in order to perform all of those tasks we don't know if that is a full time position or a part time position. As a staff we are thinking an additional person either staff or as a contract employee.

Council President Maestas, I don't see hiring a new position as a long term solution. Council dictating what happens at the airport is probably not a long term solution either. I think that this is unfortunate and I don't think we can patch this together. I think we need to take our time as a

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Council to make the right decisions.

City Attorney Phillips, I do believe if you do vote to maintain the board to put new members on I would recommend that the by-laws need to be rewritten but we probably cannot get that done within a week and get the board filled by the first Monday in February.

City Treasurer Lara, on the fuel sales we as a staff with the Airport Manager work to handle the fuel sales, and you already review their budget monthly.

City Engineer Hopkin, we are not the only City that is facing this issue and it really is as Adam said that you have to appoint the right people on this board.

Council Member Hahn, it doesn't cut all of the users of the airport off for communication. They can always come to us for their needs.

Matthew Machain, my question would be is if we will still hear what the engineers plans are for the airport. When would we hear that information?

Mayor Richardson they would need to come to a City Council meeting and present

John Gulikson, I am a pilot, love the airport, the airport board should be to improve the airport. Why do we not have an ambassador for the airport to work in our community? And a new fresh set of eyes would be great at our airport.

Council Member Larsen, the fly in for this year is very close to being planned

Jeff Kimber, Assistant Mayor Strube Fossen has a process in place to communicate with all of the users of the airport. But communication is very important and she does a very good job.

Kris Chase, I have had a great experience with the previous airport board and they did a good job. We are looking at planning the air show this year and we are looking at the last weekend in August so it would be the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Maestas, right now this is maintained into a separate fund and the way the state statute says it will return to the general fund.

City Treasurer Lara, we already keep it in a separate fund that is included within the general funds.

Motion passed with Council Member Larsen voting no.

Adjourn Special Meeting at 6:35 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Lander  
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ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monte Richardson, Mayor

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Sarah Edlund, City Clerk

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