

Northern Inyo Airport Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

Meeting Location: Bishop Airport

I. Call To Order

Call to Order by Peter Tracy at 5:05PM. Second by Wayne. 4 board members present only 3 needed for quorum.

II. Approval of minutes.

Unanimously approved

III. Old Business

a. Airport Improvement Project update

Current Projects

Fencing Project: Bids opened a couple weeks ago for the perimeter fence project. Bids came in lower than expected. Engineers expected 225K, 6 bids total with 600K being the highest. 157K was lowest bid and this contractor will not sub-out the work and has worked on previous airport rehab projects. Work entails different types of prep work such as grading and compacting.

Vehicle gates need to be fixed. Various issues as the gates are 13 years old although FAA useful life indicates 20 years lifespan. Lighting and cameras are needed as well as better drainage for vehicle gate locations.

Wildlife Hazard Assessment: This will start in the fall and will take 12 months. A biologist will visit the airport once a month to perform wildlife surveys. If hazards are noted, a Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Plan will be developed.

Upcoming Projects:

Commercial Service Terminal: County is confident the terminal size is not too large and will accommodate the 15 year forecast of future growth/use. Terminal will be 1 story building with possibly 4 parking spaces on the ramp with 3 gates. The terminal will be west of fuel farm will be a separate parking lot. Current Restricted area will go back to General Aviation use. While paved

parking is planned/desired, but will not receive FAA funding, so local funding must be found.

Supervisor's Orrill and Marcellin advocated they might be able to assist in getting it paved. The next step on this project is the environmental review, which is in the preliminary phases currently.

b. General Aviation at BIH

Follow up with Fire Requirements in hangars. County Code is if fuel is stored in aircraft or appropriate fuel receptacle it should not flag as a hazard.

IV. New Business

a. None

V. Supervisor of Airport Operations Report

Jason is unavailable this evening as he is in Lone Pine at the airport with 'Motor Trend Magazine.'

Currently there is a NOTAM for filming. Independence airport is still closed. The North End is cracked, possibly going to displace threshold 800'. DWP renewed leases for Independence and Lone Pine. Operations cleaned North end of gravel debris. Papi on RW 12 still out. Made to order part was incorrect so it is being rebuilt and the completed unit takes 8 months to build. New unit should be here in September and is a quick install.

VI. Public Comment

Peter Tracy suggested a sign with a phone number for the fuel truck as fuel truck sales improve overall sale numbers.

VII. Next meeting date

a. November 4th, 2026 at same Fire Training location.

VIII. Moved to Adjourn by Peter Tracy at 5:51PM