

Glenda Wiles

From: Chad Ballman [chadb@frontierwindows.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Ravalli County Airport 6S5

As a Ravalli County resident who owns several small businesses in our county, I'd like to share my concerns with you regarding our county airport.

I use the airport more than 3 times a week for business use. I routinely transfer goods between my stores using my personal aircraft. I also routinely have customers and suppliers use our airport when visiting my stores in Ravalli County. I have friends from out of town who fly in with their personal airplanes to vacation and fly fish, they all spend money at many of the local businesses.

The current condition of our airport is not on par with other area airports. Ours is unsafe due to the rough taxiways, it is possible for small airplanes to sustain damage to their landing gear and propellers. The current length of our runway is dangerously short for certain weather conditions including icy or windy conditions and hot days.

There are small groups of citizens who do not want me to create more business in Ravalli County that provides jobs for people that live here. I know that these same groups don't care about my safety when I'm doing my job. I beg of you to look towards the common sense goal of providing a safe airport like so many of our neighboring counties have done. Your decision will benefit the entire county by expanding our airport runway for safer flying.

Sincerely,

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From: barbara posten [billandbarbposten@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 2:30 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Ravalli County Airport

This is a note to ask that you support Alternative 4B for the airport. It will cost the county nothing, and will be advantageous to all the citizens. I don't see that closing the airport would even be an option.

Barbara Posten

Glenda Wiles

From: Updoc [updoc@bitterroot.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 9:10 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Airport needs

Dear Commissioners:

Multiple times in the past 15 years, I have urged your commission to do the Ravalli Airport updates not only to current, but also future needs. This has been a frustrating adventure that has happened and has so many times been delayed by needless and costly delays. The time has come to do the right thing-approve the 4B plan as proposed!! Those who oppose this plan are just not in touch with reality and need once and for all to just give up their delaying tactics and move on. Don't delay any further and pass the 4B proposal now!

Respectfully,

Charles R. Petty, MD
Hamilton, MT

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From: Phil Vittetoe [rosewoodpilot@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 5:37 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Ravalli County Airport

12 October 2012

Ravalli County Commissioners

I am in favor of Alternative 4B for the Ravalli County Airport.

I have been a pilot since the very early 1960s. I have owned and flown general aviation aircraft into and out of the Ravalli County Airport. I am an ex-resident and business owner of Hamilton and frequently return to visit with long-time aviation friends who operate from the Ravalli County Airport.

Even though I'm no longer a resident, I am prepared to donate funds to The Ravalli County Aviation Safety Foundation, in order to assist in this very appropriate improvement.

To allow this valuable resource, The Ravalli County Airport, to decline and ultimately vanish would be a tremendous error in community planning, to say nothing of a significant loss of revenue from aviation travelers.

Please support Alternative 4B for the Ravalli County Airport.

Sincerely,

Philip Vittetoe
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From: SteveRossiterMT@aol.com
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 4:40 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Cc: drh29@bitterroot.com; fredflys@yahoo.com; srossiter@aol.com
Subject: Public Comments Airport

In regard to the potential upgrade of the Ravalli County Airport, I hope the Commission demonstrates the foresight to approve Option 4B. This is only the first step in a long process to assure the maximum productivity of the airport for the citizens of Hamilton, Ravalli county and the rest of Western Montana aviation community.

Understanding that the economy, even for Ravalli County, is tough, this too shall pass. In any program that is a multi-year process, the first step is approval. Get the most logical plan on the books and work out the details as time and funding permit.

The non-aviation community so often severely under estimates the value of a public airport until they personally need this resource. We all know it is better to have such a resource and not need it than it is to need this resource and not have it.

The Missoula Airport will always be our regional air carrier and large airtanker airport. The Ravalli County Airport will continue to be a general aviation support airport in a terrific location for the Bitterroot Valley neighborhood.

Please approve a plan and thus start the wheels rolling for improvement.

Steven J. Rossiter
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From: John Richards [jmr31737@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 4:01 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: airport

We fly into Hamilton numerous times every year to enjoy golf and fishing ! We love the Bitterroot Valley but are always concerned about the length of the runway. We support Altrnative 4B and urge the Commissioners to vote for this alternative ! ty John and Tom Richards

Glenda Wiles

From: Richard Jones [dikkjones@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 3:12 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Upcoming County Airport Decision.....

TO: Ravalli County Commissioners

My company, T.R. Baron & Associates, Inc, is engaged in a variety of consulting services throughout the Northwest Region of the U.S. Our employees frequently fly to various meetings in one of our privately owned aircraft.

We do utilize the Ravalli County Airport during our trips to/from Hamilton, and URGE the County to proceed to expand and enhance the airport. I believe that Ravalli County's future economic growth will be enhanced significantly by expansion and improvement of the current facility.

I have carefully reviewed the various options under consideration, and I would urge the Commissioners to adopt Plan 4B as the best plan for expanding the airport.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Jones, Pres.
T.R. Baron & Assoc. Inc.

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From: Russ Read [russread@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 3:12 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Ravalli County Airport

Dear County Commisioners,

I am writing to support improvements to the airport. This seems like a great opportunity to get federal funds for the improvements. The Ravalli county aviation safety foundation has guaranteed to raise the matching funds thereby allowing the work to be done at no expense to the citizens of Ravalli county. Improving the airport would not only preserve a classic Montana airport, but would attract future business opportunities and result in a fiscal benefit to the county. The improvements themselves would provide job opportunities during construction.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Russ Read DDS
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Sent from my iPad

Glenda Wiles

From: Judy Frey [readjof@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2012 3:12 PM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Hamilton airport improvement

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not close the airport. I would encourage you to vote for plan 4b. It sounds like there are matching funds available for the improvements, which would mean the county would not have to fund this in any way.

I love to fly from Missoula down the Bitterroot and land at Hamilton airport. It would truly be a shame for the area general aviation pilots to lose this gem.

Please vote for option 4B. Thank you for not closing the airport.

Judy Frey
Pilot
Missoula

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