

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES
October 9, 2024
1:30 P.M.**

Okaloosa County Administrative Complex; 1250 Eglin Parkway N.,
1st Floor BCC Chambers, Shalimar, Florida.

Commissioner Robert Ambrose, District 1
Commissioner Patricia Duggan, District 2
Commissioner Scott Kearney, District 3 – Vice-Chairman
Commissioner VACANT, District 4
Commissioner Pat Byrne, District 5

Growth Management Staff present: Elliot Kampert, AICP – Director; Randy Woodruff, AICP – Deputy Director; Sherry Cadenhead – Planning Coordinator; Tim Durbin- Senior Planner and Stewart Campbell – Planner III

Assistant Attorney Kirsten H. Mood present by Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:30 P. M.

B. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Cadenhead conducted roll call. District 4 being vacant.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 5-8-2024 MEETING.

Motion to approve minutes made by Patricia Duggan and second by Robert Ambrose; 4 ayes, Motion Passes.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

E. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

F. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA- Motion to accept the agenda by Patricia Duggan seconded by Robert Ambrose, 4 ayes, Motion Passes.

G. OATH TAKING – Mrs. Cadenhead gave the Oath to those presenting testimony.

H. DISCLOSURES – None

I. OLD BUSINESS - None

J. NEW BUSINESS

REQUESTED SPECIAL EXCEPTION: – Consideration of a Special Exception for a Private Airport submitted by Michael R. & Kathy J. McLeod, relating to property legally described as 34-4N-25-0000-0006-001B; located at 641 Melton Road, Baker, Florida. The request is for a Special Exception per Section 2.01.05(1), of the Okaloosa County Land Development Code, Ordinance 91-1 as amended, for a proposed Private Airport with a 2,000-foot grass air strip. The property has an **Agriculture (AG)** Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation and is currently zoned **Agriculture (AA)**. The subject property contains 24.13 acres, more or less.

Mr. Randy Woodruff presented the staff report and findings. He further stated that the application was found in compliance with Section 2.02.05 and 2.20.06 of the Okaloosa County Land Development Code, Ordinance 91-1, as amended. Staff recommends approval to the committee.

Mr. Mike McLeod, owner, was present to answer questions from the Board members.

Mr. McLeod stated that the surrounding property is family owned and this approval is the first of many including Florida Department of Transportation, Airports, and FAA.

Mr. Robert Ambrose asked several questions of the applicant.

1. The location of Emergency Services relative to the proposed landing strip. *Mr. McLeod stated the sub station was located about 5 miles from the proposed strip.*
2. Will there be fuel on site and the capacity. *Mr. McLeod stated that no fueling facility would be located on site.*
3. Will there be runway lighting. *Mr. McLeod stated this would be daylight operation only.*
4. Marker balls on powerlines. *Mr. McLeod stated that the balls are in progress of being installed.*
5. Does the applicant have an aircraft and the type. *Mr. McLeod stated that he does not own an aircraft at this time, however he planned on purchasing a small 2 seater plane in the future.*

Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve by Patricia Duggan seconded by Robert Ambrose, 4 ayes, Motion Passes.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The next regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment is to be determined.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Kearney called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 P.M. **Motion by Pat Byrne; seconded by Robert Ambrose. 4 ayes. Motion Approved.**