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**Date:** March 8, 2023  
**Project:** South Lewis County Airport Layout Plan Update  
**Subject:** PAC Meeting #1 Notes

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Special Projects Manager Mark Burch opened the meeting by introducing the Lewis County Airports Manager John Roe, and Century West consultants David Miller and Mark Steele. Miller then began to speak about the Airport planning process, elements of the Airport Master Plan, and answered questions as they arose. Notable comments from the presentation are summarized below. (Note: there is a full recording of the meeting available.)

- The Airport Master Plan is an update from the 2009 Airport Layout Plan
  - The ALP drawings will be updated
- Chapter 1 and chapter 2 drafts are available on the Lewis County website—review comments should be submitted in the next two weeks
- The Airport Geographic Information System (AGIS) survey was completed in September.
- Question: “For the issues it appears to be a collection of short term needs such as conformance and maintenance needs. Are the opportunities listed within the 0-to-5-year short term as you see it today?”
  - Yes. The way they are addressed in the plan for example the runway plan was identified in the last plan with a future extension to the east and that is reflected in the current plan and will only be realized when the demand was there to justify that improvement. We are not anticipating that in the near term. Once the needs are vetted and sorted out it will then be a matter of determining what needs on this list are the most important or the most pressing. The FAA will generally prioritize safety over everything they will prioritize runway improvements over taxiways, which are prioritized over aprons. The other reality is that the ability to make improvements is dependent on money. The FAA provides the bulk of the money but so does the county in it’s local match. Some short-term needs can also be planned for a longer term as there may not be money available in the short term.
- Question: “Due to FAA requirements the runway was shortened a little bit. Was that distance taken out of the two chevroned areas on both end?”
  - In the past those areas used to be identified as a displaced threshold. Now it is a paved overrun still not officially included in the length of the runway.
- Comment: “The three wind cones need to be addressed.”
  - The County is in the process of ordering new windsock pole and windsocks as the main windsock has damaged bearings in addition to the worn out windsock.
- Question: “Is the current location of the main windsock within FAA regulations?”

- The current location by the airport office is the location it has been in since the airport was built. We can move it a little bit if needed but what I want to see is a segmented circle around it with traffic indicators on it.
- Comment: “The issue with the current location of the main windsock is its visibility.”
  - Century West will look into windsock locations and ways to improve visibility. The addition of a segmented circle will make it easier to locate from above.
- Question: “When the 100LL fuel tank is replaced will it be a 10,000-gallon fuel tank as well?”
  - The new tank will likely be 10,000 – 12,000 gallon.
- Question: “Do based aircraft include the airpark?”
  - Yes. The intent is to include them if verified through the validated count with the FAA.
- Question: “How did you determine the 0.62% for the population forecast?”
  - The rate comes from the State of Washington growth rate forecasted by the Office of financial management. The rate is actually lower but is bumped to 0.62% for the model for the added skydiver aircraft in 2023.
- Question: “Where is the closest fire hydrant to the Airport?”
  - There are none in the vicinity of the airport. Well connections to the hangar areas were disconnected ~20 years ago. This is not something that is typically funded by the FAA, but we will work with the public works department to address the issue to provide for future needs and opportunities.
- Question: “What is the targeted date for the AWOS?”
  - There is a current project in the CIP to address the AWOS. We will evaluate the existing plan based on development needs as it is a priority by the county.