

MINUTES  
**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Den Hartog, Vice Chairman Woodward, Senators Winder, Lodge, Rice, Crabtree, Nelson, and Wintrow

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Vick

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chair Den Hartog** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:33 P.M.

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT:** **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment and Reappointment of Gary Osborn, of Troy, Idaho, to the Idaho Transportation Board (ITD).** Initial term commencing December 1, 2021 and expiring January 31, 2022. Second term commencing February 1, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2028. Mr. Osborn gave a brief overview of his background and job history. He mentioned prior political work plus time spent working on the Safe Schools Act as a school board member.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Nelson** attested to Mr. Osborn's community and public service background and declared full support of Mr. Osborn for the position.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT:** **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Reappointment of John Blakley, of Nampa, ID, to the Aeronautics Advisory Board.** Term commencing January 31, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2027. Mr. Blakley provided a brief overview of his background, nearly 30 years job history, and partnerships with Off-Center and McCall Aviation. He offered a short synopsis of industry demands including aircraft-on-contract, backcountry aviation services and firefighting operations.

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Winder** asked if firefighting access to wilderness areas was settled or if issues were ongoing. **Mr. Blakley** responded with cautious optimism regarding improvements to date and future resolution of issues with what were known as the contentious 'Big Creek four' airstrips.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chair Den Hartog** adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

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Senator Den Hartog  
Chair

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Cara Beyenka  
Secretary