Flier stirs emotions at airport

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Reporter

A flier aimed at voters and property owners in Big Bear City appears to be causing a ruckus, and possibly a rift on the airport district board before the newly elected members are sworn in.

Lynn Wilson, who was a candidate for the short-term seat on the airport board, admits to producing and distributing a flier prior to the Nov. 4 election that claimed the airport board was considering eminent domain to take properties along the north side of the airport in order to expand a taxiway. The flier includes the names of three candidates—Wilson, Joseph Logan and Joseph Kelly.

Of the three, only Kelly was successful in his bid for election to the board. He won one of two four-year seats along with incumbent Steve Baker. Gary Steube defeated Wilson for the two-year term.

Prior to a Nov. 5 development committee meeting at the airport, board member Julie Smith read a statement about rumors circulating regarding eminent domain in relationship to the master plan and possible extension of the taxiway. The statement’s second paragraph states: “I want to be explicit. There is no plan now nor in the future to use eminent domain to build taxiway bravo or any other project associated with the airport. Rumors that have indicated this are a complete fabrication. I am extremely disappointed that in local elections we have candidates that would create fear to try to gain election.”

Valley salutes vets

Kortney Carmody, a junior from Big Bear High School opened the Veterans Day Ceremony in Big Bear Lake singing the National Anthem. The event was at the Convention Center of Big Bear Lake on Nov. 11. See more photos at www.bigbeargrizzly.net.

Board to review FAA grant application for taxiway B

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When the Big Bear Airport District board of directors meets Wednesday, Nov. 12, one of the first items under discussion is expected to be an application to the Federal Aviation Administration regarding airport improvement program funding in fiscal year 2015. Included on that list is a plan for an environmental assessment for the parallel taxiway B extension project.

The Airport Development Committee, comprised of board members Julie Smith and Steve Baker, met Nov. 5 to review the documents. Before the review, Smith read a