



**ROCKY MOUNT – WILSON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

MR. GARRY HODGES, CHAIRMAN
MR. JOHNSON BISSETTE
MR. DAN HERRING
MR. JAMES JOHNSON
MR. CHARLES MULLEN
MR. MICHAEL WETHERINGTON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

MR. CARL WARREN

EX OFFICIO & STAFF PRESENT

MR. JOSH PUSSEY, AIRPORT DIRECTOR
MR. DAKOTA SUGGS, AIRPORT MANAGER
MS. JESSICA DEEVER
MS. CARRIE VOIGT

GUESTS

MR. GREG KERSHAW, ARDURRA
MS. JAMIE PECK, ARDURRA



CALL TO ORDER

The February 2026 meeting of the Rocky Mount - Wilson Regional Airport was called to order by Chairman Garry Hodges at 12:00 p.m. Chairman Hodges recognized Jessica Deaver for putting together lunch for the board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Hodges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Chairman Hodges led the invocation.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January board meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and read by the board members. Chairman Hodges called for any questions and corrections, there were none. A motion was made to approve the January 2026 minutes by Mr. Charles Mullen and seconded by Mr. James Johnson. All board members in attendance unanimously approved the January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Garry Hodges welcomed Mr. Greg Kershaw and Ms. Jamie Peck representing Ardurra.

CONSULTANT REPORT - GREG KERSHAW and JAMIE PECK, ARDURRA

1. Corporate Hangar #8 (Construction)

All four grants have been fully executed and are ready for implementation. The construction contracts have been received from the contractor and have been executed by Josh and Garry. Greg has distributed a PDF copy of the contract to all relevant parties and is coordinating the scheduling of the preconstruction meeting.

The contractor's preliminary schedule indicates a projected start date of May or June. Greg anticipates that the project timeline will be further refined during the preconstruction meeting. While there has been some concern regarding potential lead times for building materials, Greg expects the contractor to provide additional clarification on this matter at the meeting.

2. Terminal Plan Update - Hangar Development Area Schematic Design

A preferred layout has been selected for the future hangar development area and will serve as the basis for coordination with prospective hangar tenants and subsequent design phases. Jamie referenced the map included in the board packet and noted that Phase II is contingent upon the acquisition of the identified 11-acre parcel.



Garry reported that he spoke with Robbie Davis of the Nash County Commissioner's Office regarding the land acquisition. Mr. Davis confirmed that the transfer process from the county to RWI has been initiated and that a request has been submitted to the County Attorney to prepare the necessary transfer documentation. Garry also noted that the approximately quarter-acre parcel comprising the access road should be included in the transfer to ensure proper ownership and access control.

Jamie further advised that Phase II is dependent upon securing the referenced parcel, including the access road segment. She added that a second potential constraint to Phase II development is the extension of water and sewer infrastructure to the proposed hangar area.

3. Obstruction Removal

Jamie reported that her team is evaluating the remaining balance on the grant and exploring the possibility of rolling over any unused funds into the Taxiway Safety Area project to consolidate efforts. The team is also working to identify and prioritize areas requiring tree removal.

In response to a question, Josh advised that the remaining grant balance is minimal and will first be applied toward the removal of several critical trees that should have been addressed during the initial phase of work. Any remaining funds may then be used to help address the berm issue. Garry noted that the City of Sharpsburg may have grant funding opportunities available to assist with berm removal; however, he has not received a response from the City within the past month.

Josh further stated that the berm removal quote received was approximately \$50,000. Garry added that additional quotes will be obtained to ensure appropriate cost comparison and due diligence.

DIRECTORS REPORT - Mr. Josh Pusser

During what is typically the Airport's lowest revenue month, two significant storms impacted operations; however, the overall budget remains on track. It was noted that, had the Airport possessed limited snow removal equipment, operations could have resumed one to two days earlier. After discussion, the consensus was that the cost of such equipment likely outweighs the benefit, given that snowfall of this magnitude occurs approximately once every ten years. Josh advised that a truck-mounted snow plow would cost approximately \$10,000.

Dakota reported that snowfall totals were manageable and that he applied salt to the sidewalks surrounding the FBO. He clarified that salt cannot be applied to the runway due to its corrosive effects.



Josh advised that the insurance and construction process related to repairs following the fire is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Building permits have been under review for approximately two months, contributing to delays. The contractor estimates the full scope of repairs, including roof replacement, will require approximately six months to complete.

Josh and Garry reported that they have spoken with three prospective tenants who have expressed interest in hangar development on the referenced 11 acre parcel.

Josh informed the Board that he will be out of the office next week but will remain available by phone and email if needed.

Josh presented a proposed Budget Amendment to account for \$360,000 in anticipated insurance proceeds related to fire mitigation and repairs, with corresponding expenditures projected in the same amount. A motion to approve the Budget Amendment was made by Dan Herring and seconded by James Johnson. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members in attendance.

Michael Wetherington commended Josh and the Airport team for their exceptional efforts in coordinating recent VIP visits, including the visit from President Donald Trump and prior visits from the Governor and Vice President Vance. He noted that feedback from key stakeholders indicated the events were executed seamlessly and that the team demonstrated outstanding professionalism and customer service.

FBO / OPERATION REPORT - Mr. Dakota Suggs

In January, we sold a total of 15,100 gallons of Jet Fuel (14,100 gallons full service and 1,000 gallons self service. We sold a total of 4,400 gallons of AvGas (1,800 gallons full service and 2,600 gallons self service).

Dakota reported that the Airport successfully passed the Titan QC inspection and that preparations of operational equipment are underway in advance of the spring season. The restoration of the Hobart tug is progressing smoothly and remains on schedule.

Looking ahead, planned initiatives include the installation of new Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and FAA antennas, preparation of safety areas to support increased spring operations, and coordination for a scheduled FAA inspection in May. Additionally, the 911 call box at the self-service fuel area is scheduled for replacement.

Dakota also shared that staff member Dawnte Newell and his wife recently welcomed a baby boy, and both mother and child are healthy and doing well.



TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Carl Warren

Josh mentions that there is a misclassified trash removal cost in December 2025, we'll see that corrected next month.

Total expenses are overall under budget and total income is overall over budget. Josh anticipates we'll be on task the rest of the year.

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NEW BUSINESS

The board held a brief discussion about a nearby Wilson Industrial Air Center's recent closure of their FBO.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned at 12:37 PM, there being no further business to come before the board, the meeting of the Rocky Mount - Wilson Regional Airport Authority was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dan Herring, Secretary