ROCKY MOUNT – WILSON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
MR. GARRY HODGES, CHAIRMAN
MR. JOHNSON BISSETTE
MR. CHARLES MULLEN
MR. CARL WARREN
MR. MICHAEL WETHERINGTON

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
MR. DAN HERRING
MR. JAMES JOHNSON

EX OFFICIO & STAFF PRESENT
MR. JOSH PUSSER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR
MR. DAKOTA SUGGS, AIRPORT MANAGER
MS. JESSICA DEAVER
MS. CARRIE VOIGT

GUESTS
MR. JASON KENNEDY, ARDURRA
MR. GREG KERSHAW, ARDURRA
MR. BOB LEAGUE
MS. JAMIE PECK, ARDURRA
MR. KYLE PRITCHARD
NOAH SADIGHI, ARDURRA

CALL TO ORDER

The August 2026 meeting of the Rocky Mount Wilson Regional Airport was called to order by Chairman Garry Hodges at 12:00 PM. Chairman Hodges recognized Jessica Deaver for arranging lunch for the board.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were conducted before the meeting was called to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Garry Hodges welcomed Mr. Bob League and Mayor Kyle Pritchard. He also welcomed the team representing Ardurra: Mr. Jason Kennedy, Mr. Greg Kershaw, Ms. Jamie Peck, Mr Noah Sadighi. Chairman Hodges announced that Bob League intends to replace Dan Herring's seat if he is eligible.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 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 June 2026 minutes by Mr. Carl Warren and seconded by Mr. Charles Mullen. All board members in attendance unanimously approved the June 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

CONSULTANT REPORT - ARDURRA

Corporate Hangar #8 (Construction)

Greg Kershaw reports that construction is underway, and the hangar building materials have been delivered to the airport. The Notice to Proceed was issued on July 27, 2026, right on schedule with the contractor's projected timeline.

Initial work has focused on opening the subgrade area. The team encountered some materials that were wet due to recent heavy rainfall, and drying efforts are currently underway. Washed stone will be placed next, followed by preparation of the building pad.

The project remains on schedule for completion no later than January 5, 2027.

Hangar Development Area Design

Jason Kennedy reports that RWI has selected a preferred hangar layout. The Ardurra work authorization for design, permitting and bidding services has been submitted to RWI for review.

Jason outlined the intended development plan. Phase 1 would consist of one hangar, followed by Phase 2, which would include an additional two hangars. The scope and schedule for any future hangars have not yet been defined.

Garry Hodges reported that he is continuing to work on the acquisition of the 11-acre property and noted that three parties have expressed interest in constructing hangars on the site in the future. Chairman Hodges suggested combining Phases 1 and 2 into a single project.

The Board discussed potential demand for T-hangars versus box hangars, overall project costs, and anticipated maintenance requirements over the next 5–10 years. Josh Pusser noted that box hangars are generally easier to maintain because they have fewer moving parts. He also indicated that he expects larger hangars may be easier to lease than T-hangars.

Garry suggested dividing the overall development into two phases. The first phase would consist of constructing 10 T-hangars at an estimated cost of approximately $1.5 million. The second phase would focus on development of the 11-acre property, including construction of a taxiway and preparation of the site for future development.

Garry also noted that approximately $208,000 is needed for runway rejuvenation.

A motion was made by Carl Warren to commence the bidding for the 10 T-hangars, approve of $239,000 expenditure of Ardurra to proceed with a design phase of the remaining site and to spend $208,000 on the runway rejuvenation project. The motion was seconded by Charles Mullen and unanimously approved by all Board Members in attendance

The group concurs that they will discuss additional development at the next Board Meeting.

In response to a question regarding the T-hangar project timeline, Jason stated that bid documents could be ready within the next 30 days, with construction anticipated to begin in early spring. He further indicated that his team expects to have the second project ready for bidding by spring 2027.

Jason will provide a detailed project timeline, including specific dates, for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Taxiway Safety Area Improvements

Jason reports that after a conversation with the North Carolina Division of Aviation, a request was made for data pertaining to airport operations that will justify the request of federal grant funding and has found RWI eligible for this funding. A work authorization for the design and bidding of this work has been submitted to RWI.

New Grant Opportunity : Aerial Asset Accessibility Grant Program

We have not yet heard back regarding this grant. The awards are expected by the end of August 2026.

DIRECTORS REPORT - Mr. Josh Pusser

Building repairs after the fire are now 100% complete. We are close to closing out discrepancies from our Part 139 Inspection. RWI has a new representative at the North Carolina Division of Aviation. Josh has met him over the phone, but plans an in person meeting with a tour of our property in the coming weeks. Cargo and freight shipments were up over the last month. We are waiting for an exact date, but anticipate it will be sometime in the next month for our runway SPAM project. The state will pay for repainting and crack sealing on the runway. This was the largest of our Part 139 discrepancies. We will pay for the rejuvenation portion of the runway. Jason explains this will extend the life of our runway by several years.

FBO / OPERATION REPORT - Mr. Dakota Suggs

June 2026 sales: Jet Fuel: 13,500 gallons Full Service, 800 gallons Self Service. Avgas: 2,300 gallons Full Service, 4,600 gallons Self Service. July 2026 sales: Jet Fuel: 15,200 gallons Full Service, 770 gallons Self Service. Avgas: 3,100 gallons Full Service, 10,500 gallons Self Service

Dakota reports that he has been working on replacing the road signage identified as part of the Part 139 Inspection discrepancies. He is also continuing with fence maintenance around the airport.

The transformer supporting the airport's weather observation system failed, and the utility company responded to make the necessary repairs. Dakota thanks Chairman Hodges and Mayor Roberson for their assistance in working with the utility company to resolve the issue.

Dakota also reports that the ice machine has been replaced following the fire.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Carl Warren

Carl Warren reports that our balance was a bit higher than usual in July 2026 after we received some rents up front for the year. Josh recounts that we're doing really well on cash flow which allows us to easily front money the upcoming SPAM project if necessary. Carl points out that we've shifted some categorization for the new fiscal year to streamline the budget process.

A motion was made to approve the June and July 2026 financial reports by Mr. Charles Mullen and seconded by Mr. Johnson Bissette. All board members in attendance unanimously approved the June and July 2026 Financial Reports.

PROPERTY INSURANCE

Chairman Hodges reports that due to an error by the previous airport director, our property insurance was understated. Due to this, the property insurance premiums for this year will be increased from approximately $57,000 to $153,000.

A motion was made to remain with our current insurer for property insurance and to approve a revised deductible of $25,000 by Mr. Johnson Bissette and seconded by Mr. Michael Wetherington. All board members in attendance unanimously approved the $25,000 deductible and continuation of our current property insurance program.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting of the Rocky Mount Wilson Regional Airport Authority was adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Dan Herring, Secretary