



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

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

MR. JOHNSON BISSETTE

EX OFFICIO & STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS

MR. BOB LEAGUE
MR. JASON KENNEDY, ARDURRA
MR. GREG KERSHAW, ARDURRA
MS. JAMIE PECK, ARDURRA

INVOCATION

Before the meeting was called to order, Mr. Charles Mullen led the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

The March 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 putting together lunch for the board. He also recognized Dakota Suggs and his staff for their excellent work during last week's visit from the Vice President.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. James Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Garry Hodges welcomed Mr. Bob League and Mr. Jason Kennedy, Mr. Greg Kershaw and Ms. Jamie Peck representing Ardurra.

CONSULTANT REPORT - GREG KERSHAW and JAMIE PECK, ARDURRA

1. Corporate Hangar #8 (Construction)

Greg Kershaw of Ardurra reported that the preconstruction meeting with JD Beam was successful. In attendance were Josh Pusser, Garry Hodges and JD Beam's superintendent and project manager. The current construction start date is scheduled for July 24, 2026, though discussions are underway to potentially accelerate the timeline, with a target of late June pending material procurement and permitting. JD Beam is actively coordinating with the project architect to finalize plans for fabrication and permit submission and is working effectively with subcontractors.

Greg noted a minor design consideration regarding the hydraulic door, which is being designed separately from the main structure and will be slightly recessed to ensure a proper seal rather than flush mounted. The general contractor will provide a one year warranty on the door; Greg will confirm whether any additional manufacturer warranty is available. He will also verify whether a manual override is available in the event of a power outage and confirm the presence of a failsafe locking mechanism to prevent accidents. Greg will also look into the cost of a backup power source for the door in event of loss of power. In response to a board inquiry, Greg stated that the hydraulic door was selected as the most cost effective option compared to a manual alternative.

2. Hangar Development Area Design

Jason Kennedy presented an overview of the proposed design, including the new taxiway and initial hangar site. He also outlined the second phase of the project, which includes the construction of two additional hangars. Jason noted that the work authorization for Ardurra to begin this phase was sent to Josh earlier in the week. He added that his team has identified nearby water and sewer infrastructure that may be available for connection.

3. Obstruction Removal

Jason Kennedy reported that his team reviewed last year's work and will develop a budget to address additional tree clearing that was not included previously. They plan to present this scope to the DOA and request supplemental state funding. Since the last meeting, Josh has provided additional information, and the team is nearing completion of the project cost estimate, which is expected to be submitted to Josh within the next week for review and approval. The anticipated request to the DOA will be to amend the existing grant to include these additional funds, with the airport contributing a 10% match.

DIRECTORS REPORT - Mr. Josh Pusser

Josh Pusser clarified that fuel sales for February 2026 were higher than February 2025, but were slow due to seasonal trends and weather conditions. He reported that the state Pre-Inspection is scheduled for April, followed by the FAA Inspection in May. In preparation, staff are prioritizing updates to runway markings and addressing any gaps along the perimeter fencing.

Josh noted that terminal construction continues to progress slowly, with delays related to pending electrical and plumbing permits. He also shared that Vice President Vance visited the airport last week. Additionally, Josh and Garry continue to meet with stakeholders regarding corporate hangar development. Upcoming maintenance projects include some minimal hangar repairs including a door repair expected in the coming months.

FBO / OPERATION REPORT - Mr. Dakota Suggs

In February, Rocky Mount Wilson Airport sold a total of 15,800 gallons of Jet Fuel (15,400 gallons full service and 400 gallons self service). We sold a total of 3,800 gallons of AvGas (1,900 gallons full service and 1,900 gallons self service).

All three fuel trucks are fully operational, with the coolant issue on the 1995 model resolved. The FAA inspection is tentatively scheduled for May 12. All lawn mowers and grounds equipment have been serviced, and seasonal growth has already begun following last week's rain.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Carl Warren

Mr. Carl Warren reported that the Operations and Maintenance category is currently over budget and anticipates bringing forward a budget amendment before the end of the fiscal year to address the overage. He also noted that the Authority's cash balance remains strong.

Josh commented that the recent increase in fuel prices is the largest he has seen. In response, he and Dakota proactively topped off fuel tanks prior to the spike and are maintaining current pricing levels in anticipation of continued increases.

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Mullen to approve the February 2026 financial reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Johnson and was unanimously approved by all board members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Carl Warren for the board to go into closed session to discuss economic and legal matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Mullen and was unanimously approved by all board members in attendance. The board moved to closed session at 12:45 PM.

During closed session, a motion was made by Mr. Carl Warren to grant permission to Chairman Hodges to speak with officials from the City of Rocky Mount regarding NC Statute 63.53, subsection K regarding sponsor payments from the City of Rocky Mount to the Rocky Mount Wilson Airport. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Mullen and was unanimously approved by all board members in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Dan Herring to grant permission to Chairman Hodges to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Airport Property with Nash County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Mullen and was unanimously approved by all board members in attendance.

A final motion was made by Mr. Carl Warren to grant permission to Chairman Hodges to sign a 30 year land lease with tenant Marvin Shearin at \$.25/square foot with a 5% increase every five years. Ownership will revert to the Rocky Mount Wilson Airport after 30 years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dan Herring and was unanimously approved by all board members in attendance.

The board adjourned at 1:30 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