



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

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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. JASON KENNEDY, ARDURRA
MR. GREG KERSHAW, ARDURRA
MR. BOB LEAGUE

CALL TO ORDER

The May 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.

INVOCATION

Mr. Garry Hodges led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. James Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Garry Hodges welcomed Mr. Jason Kennedy and Mr. Greg Kershaw representing Ardurra.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSULTANT REPORT - JASON KENNEDY & GREG KERSHAW, ARDURRA

1. Corporate Hangar #8 (Construction)

Greg Kershaw presented an update to the Board regarding the new corporate hangar project. He reported that the contractor, JD Beam, has submitted permit applications to Nash County. JD Beam is scheduled to place the building order on the 27th of this month, at which time a confirmed delivery date is expected. The current projected delivery timeline is approximately 15 and a half weeks, though the contractor is hopeful the schedule may accelerate. At present, the project remains on track for a September 16 building delivery, with site preparation anticipated to begin at the end of July. If the delivery date is moved forward, site preparation activities will also be advanced accordingly.

Greg addressed a question concerning recent increases in construction pricing, noting that the Airport is protected under the existing contract terms. He confirmed that the contract contains no escalation clauses allowing for additional pricing increases or requests for additional funding.

2. Hangar Development Area Design

Jason Kennedy reported that there has been no movement on the Hangar Development Area Design project at this time. Chairman Hodges stated that he continues to have discussions with the county commissioners and is working through project details.

3. Obstruction Removal

Jason explained that the next step in the process will be a ground obstruction survey to evaluate approach surfaces and minimums. His team has requested pricing proposals and will present options to the Board for contractor selection and discussion of next steps. The survey will confirm which obstructions remain and will allow the berm removal work to be incorporated into the same funding effort.

4. New Grant Opportunity : Aerial Asset Accessibility Grant Program

Jason reported that his team has begun preparing the grant application. He explained that the grant evaluation criteria place significant emphasis on the quality and thoroughness of the project narrative, with 65% of the score based on how well the project is described and aligned with the intended uses of the grant. The remaining 35% of the evaluation will be based on the quality and accuracy of the cost estimate.

As a result, Jason stated that his team is focusing considerable effort on refining both the project description and cost estimate components of the application. He anticipates having a draft prepared for Josh's review and approval next week, ahead of the June 15 submission deadline. Jason added that his team is encouraged by the project's competitiveness and believes the application will stand out favorably during the evaluation process.

DIRECTORS REPORT - Mr. Josh Pusser

Airport Director Josh Pusser reported that the terminal building repairs had originally been scheduled for completion by the end of May. While that timeline is expected to extend beyond the original target date, he expressed hope that the project will be completed by the end of June. He also informed the Board that Dakota is currently working on a new sign for the terminal building.

Josh updated the Board on the upcoming Air Power History Tour event scheduled to take place at the airport the following week. He stated that the airport team has been heavily focused on marketing efforts and noted that the Air Power History Tour team reported that the weekend portion of the event is nearly sold out.

Regarding the recent FAA inspection, Josh stated that the inspection overall went well, with only a few items identified for corrective action. One minor item involves adding a wingtip restriction notation related to the berm area. He also reported that the runway markings will need to be repainted by December 1. Josh noted that the State offers a program that may provide funding assistance for this work. In addition, the runway will require rejuvenation work, and he is actively working with the State to address both items together.

Josh also noted that several smaller corrective actions are needed, including repairs to stop signs along the runway safety area and updates to certain inspection forms. Concerning the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan, he stated that the two staff members attending training will

provide training to the remainder of the airport team upon their return, and that the plan review meeting will be scheduled soon.

Finally, Josh reported that another significant corrective action item from the FAA inspection will involve securing sections of fencing, removing vegetation along the fence line and clearing overgrown drainage ditches.

FBO / OPERATION REPORT - Mr. Dakota Suggs

FBO Manager Dakota Suggs reported April 2026 fuel sales: Jet Fuel: 19,300 gallons Full Service, 800 gallons Self Service, Avgas: 2,000 gallons Full Service, 3,100 gallons Self Service

The Board discussed recent increases in fuel prices and their impact on airport operations.

Dakota informed the Board that the FAA inspector commented favorably on the condition of the airfield and safety areas, noting that they were well maintained.

Dakota also reported that Stanly County has opened a new emergency preparedness center equipped with ARFF training facilities. Moving forward, airport personnel will utilize the facility for future ARFF training opportunities.

In addition, Dakota stated that work continues on the replacement of airfield signage to maintain compliance and improve airfield operations. He also reported that repairs to the Hangar 4 door have been completed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Carl Warren

Treasurer Carl Warren reported that the cash on hand was at \$481,000 and that everything is standard otherwise on the monthly reports. He reported that Year to date, excluding the insurance expenses, we had a \$20,000 gain of revenue over expenses which makes the airport self sustainable.

Josh presented a budget amendment to the board: many expenses can fit into several categories so he's moving some money around in those transferable transactions. He plans to merge several of these categories into joint categories for the next fiscal year.

A motion was made to approve the March 2026 Financial Report by Mr. Charles Mullen and seconded by Mr. Dan Herring. All board members in attendance unanimously approved the March 2026 Financials.

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NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. James Johnson to go into closed session at 12:59 PM to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Mullen and was unanimously approved by all board members in attendance.

The board returned from open session at 1:02 PM. The Board discussed personnel matters and approved extending Josh Pusser's contract for a third year of employment with Rocky Mount Wilson Airport. The finalized contract is on file with the Human Resources Department.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting of the Rocky Mount Wilson Regional Airport Authority was adjourned at 1:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dan Herring, Secretary