



Moore County Airport Authority

May 21, 2025

Public Meeting – 09:00

The Moore County Airport Authority Meeting for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, was held in-person and via zoom. A quorum was present. * Moore County Airport Conference Room*

Authority Members Present: Adam Kiker, Chairman
Tom McPherson, Vice Chairman
Gene Horne, Secretary
Ken Haenlein, Treasurer
Roland Gilliam, Board Member

Staff Present: Rick Cloutier, Airport Director
Paul Puszyński, Operations Manager
Carol Oakley, Finance Administrator
Keiko Brantley, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: Steve Bright – Talbert & Bright via Zoom
Mike Jones – Guest
Peter Stillwell – Tarheel Communications
John Lewis – Guest
Tom Klonk -AVA Tech Presenter
Jason Payne- AVA Tech Presenter
Benjamin Baumann – AVA Tech Presenter

To Note: ***Action Items***

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Kiker called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
Chairman Kiker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Public Comments**
None

C. Request for Additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items

D. Additional Agenda Item(s) Added:

None

E. Conflict of Interest

Chairman Kiker asked if there were any conflicts of interest. There were none.

F. Approval of Agenda

The draft Moore County Airport Authority Meeting Agenda for Wednesday May 21 ,2025, was presented.

Chairman Kiker asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

M/- Horne and S/- Gilliam

All voted in favor: Chairman Kiker, Vice Chairman McPherson, Secretary Horne, Treasurer Haenlein, Board Member Gilliam

G. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kiker asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of Moore County Airport Authority Meeting presented on April 16,2025.

M/- McPherson and S/- Haenlein

All voted in favor: Chairman Kiker, Vice Chairman McPherson, Secretary Horne, Treasurer Haenlein, Board Member Gilliam

H. Consent Agenda

Approval of Grant 36244.57.14.1 Revision #4- Land Acquisition- Runway Protection-185 Storage Drive Revision (Reclassification of Prior Year Invoices to Grant Funding).

Secretary Horne asked for a motion to approve Grant Revision #4- Land Acquisition- Runway Protection-185 Storage Drive.

M/- Kiker and S/- Haenlein

All voted in favor: Chairman Kiker, Vice Chairman McPherson, Secretary Horne, Treasurer Haenlein, Board Member Gilliam

I. New Business

1. AVA Technologies Global- Hangar Development Proposal

Ava Tech is a defense-focused software and engineering firm specializing in autonomous systems, data analytics, and systems integration. As a provider of advanced technologies to the defense and intelligence sectors, their operations often involve secure, high-tech equipment and unmanned systems such as drones or autonomous aircraft.

Benjamin and his team presented plans for a 100'x100' or 120'x100' hangar with a 3,500-5,000 sqft office space.

Estimated at \$2.6 Million investment; seeing 20–30-year land lease.

Moore County Airport prefers to build and lease hangars rather than allow companies to build their own due to reversion clause issues.

2. Next Board Meeting Schedule

The board confirmed that regular meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Accordingly, the next board meetings are scheduled for June 11th and July 9th.

J. Old Business: none

K. Projects, Summaries and Updates

1. Infrastructure Projects

Apron reconstruction project scope expanded due to poor condition assessment.
Taxiway upgrades design in progress, with completion expected by end of summer.
Land release request submitted for property across the street.
RPZ project to demolish old buildings moving forward.

2. Financial and other key performance indicators

April revenue: \$495,102; Expenses \$334,255; Net Income: \$160,846.
YTD net income of \$177,823 (Excluding \$1M hangar purchase adjustment)
Positive cash flow, but long-term sustainability concerns due to high capital costs.

3. Commercial Air Service

In discussions with airlines about potential service (daily to DC airport).
Airline is requesting ~1.5 million per year minimum revenue guarantee over 2 years.
Airport plans to reapply for SCASD grant to help fund guarantee.
Will be meeting with local leaders to discuss support and funding.

4. Staffing Updates

Hired 1 Full time and 2-part time Service Line Technicians.
Advertising for new FBO manager position. Plan for interviews in the next coming weeks.

L. Announcements/Comments

- Review of hangar construction RFQ submissions from SBS and Sandford Contractors.
- Continue discussions with interested hangar tenants and explore financing options.

- Complete hangar inspections and insurance document updates.
- Finalize updated personnel manual for July Board Review.
- Consider engaging in third party construction manager to support hangar projects.

N. Adjournment

The Airport Authority Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M. by Chairman Kiker.

All Board members were in favor of the adjournment.

All voted in favor: Chairman Kiker, Vice Chairman McPherson, Secretary Horne, Treasurer Haenlein, Board Member Gilliam

The next MCA Authority Meeting will be held at **09:00 on Wednesday, June 11th, 2025.**



Ken Haenlein, Authority Treasurer

Gene Horne, Authority Secretary