



Rutherford County Airport Authority

289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Monday, September 8, 2025, 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order

Chairman to the Airport Authority Michael Benfield called the September 8, 2025, meeting of the Airport Authority to order.

Present: 4 Michael Benfield, Bryan King, Hunter Haynes, and Donnie Haulk

Absent: 1 Alan Toney

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Michael Benfield led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bryan King and seconded by Member Hunter Haynes to approve the agenda. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, and Member Haulk

Nay: 0

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Agenda

[ID 25-4190](#)

Minutes of May 5, 2025, Rutherford County Airport Authority Board Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chairman King and seconded by Member Hunter Haynes to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2025 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, and Member Haulk

Nay: 0

IV. Director's/Financial Report

ID 25-4192

Financial Report

Airport Director Devon Raisch provided an update on the Financial Report noting that overall trends remain positive to date.

V. Informational Updates

ID 25-4193

Informational Updates

Director Raisch provided informational updates on the following:

- *Maintenance to equipment*
- *Fuel sales trending higher than usual due to the increased amount of jet traffic*
- *The County is applying for grants to assist with a sewer line project.*

ID 25-4194

Briefing on Infrastructure Improvements for Advanced Air Mobility

Brent Lane with Ohio University, in collaboration with the Appalachian Regional Commission, provided a briefing on infrastructure improvements for Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) for the Board's information.

Information only.

VI. New Business

ID 25-4230

Hangar Request for W. Barry Jenkins and Alpha Island Time Holding, LLC

Director Raisch presented a hangar request for W. Barry Jenkins and Alpha Island Time Holding, LLC to move forward with development on Site 9A at the Rutherford County Airport intended for aircraft storage for the Board's consideration. Previously, Director Raisch conferred with Greg Kershaw of W.K. Dickson and Chairman Benfield, and all agreed that the airport's hangar door policy should remain consistent with the existing requirement for steel or hydraulic doors.

A motion was made by Member Donnie Haulk and seconded by Member Hunter Haynes to approve the Resolution for hangar request for W. Barry Jenkins and Alpha Island Time Holding, LLC to move forward with development on Site 9A at the Rutherford County Airport intended for aircraft storage. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, and
Member Haulk
Nay: 0

A RESOLUTION APPROVING HANGAR DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Rutherford Airport Authority (“Airport Authority”) has received an inquiry from Alpha Island Time Holding, LLC, and W. Barry Jenkins regarding building a new hangar on the premises of the Rutherford Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Authority deems it appropriate to authorize the completion of the application review process and execution of necessary documents for the construction of a new hangar.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rutherford Airport Authority that the County Manager and Airport Operations Manager are hereby authorized to complete the application review process for Alpha Island Time Holding, LLC, and/or W. Barry Jenkins, and if said application meets the applicable requirements, in the discretion of the County Manager and Airport Operations Manager, the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation for the construction of a new hangar and the applicable ground lease upon the standard terms for Hangar 9A at the Rutherford County Airport.

Adopted this 8 day of September, 2025

ID 25-4236 Fencing Project – Lowest Bid for Work Authorization #5

Director Raisch provided information to the Board that bids were opened on May 22, 2025 for the Rutherford Airport Perimeter Fencing Project. County Boy Landscaping was the low bidder of four at \$651,951.50. Director Raisch presented a request that County Boy Landscaping be the contractor to offer and manage a contract for the fencing project services, and authorize the County Manager, Airport Authority Chairman, Airport Director, Finance Director, Clerk to the Airport Authority, and other County officials to sign and execute all documents in support of this action contingent upon AIG (Airport Infrastructure Grant) funding, to the Board for their consideration,

A motion was made by Member Donnie Haulk and seconded by Member Hunter Haynes to approve the request that County Boy Landscaping be the contractor to offer and manage a contract for the fencing project services and authorize the County Manager, Airport Authority Chairman, Airport Director, Finance Director, Clerk to the Airport Authority, and other County officials to sign and execute all documents in support of this action contingent upon AIG (Airport Infrastructure Grant) funding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, and
Member Haulk

Nay: 0

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Benfield called the meeting to adjourn.

A motion was made by Member Hunter Haynes and seconded by Vice Chairman Bryan King to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, and
Member Haulk

Nay: 0

Chairman, Airport Authority

Vice Chairman, Airport Authority

Attest:

Secretary to the Airport Authority