



Rutherford County Airport Authority

289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Monday, November 4, 2024, 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Benfield called the November 4, 2024, meeting of the Airport Authority to order.

Present: 4 Michael Benfield, Bryan King, Greg Lovelace, and David Hunt

Absent: 1 Alan Toney

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman David Hunt led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Member Greg Lovelace and seconded by Vice Chairman David Hunt to approve the agenda. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 Member King, Chairman Benfield, Member Lovelace, and Vice Chairman Hunt

Nay: 0

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Agenda

[ID 24-3901](#)

Minutes of September 3, 2024 Rutherford County Airport Authority Board Meeting

A motion was made by Member Greg Lovelace and seconded by Vice Chairman David Hunt to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Member King, Chairman Benfield, Member Lovelace, and Vice Chairman Hunt

Nay: 0

IV. Director's/Financial Report

[ID 24-3899](#) **Financial Report**

Airport Director Devon Raisch reported on finances and noted fuel sales were up in October due to the extensive air traffic related to Hurricane Helene rescue and recovery. He stated it is early in the year and everything was trending well.

V. Informational Updates

[ID 24-3900](#) **Informational Updates**

Director Raisch gave updates on the following:

- Expressed appreciation for all the volunteers who helped during the Hurricane Helene event.
- Fall Fly-In/Open House Event on November 2, 2024 was a great success.
- Noted an amendment to current budget to put a \$15,000 placeholder for a part-time position as several Airport staff are out on FMLA. The part-time position is advertised.
- Director Raisch shared that he is talking to Greg Kershaw regarding the plans to proceed with the Eastside Development Project.
- Director Raisch plans to attend the NC Division of Aviation Workshop this month (November) regarding the aftereffects of Hurricane Helene.
- Waiting on fuel truck invoice. A mechanic is planning to come to Airport and work out a few minor issues on truck before the final purchase.

Information only.

VI. New Business

[ID 24-3904](#) **Meeting Dates for Rutherford Airport authority for 2025**

Director Devon Raisch presented a Resolution establishing meeting dates for regular Airport Authority meetings in 2025 for the Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Member Greg Lovelace and seconded by Vice Chairman Hunt to approve the Resolution establishing meeting dates for regular Airport Authority meetings in 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Member Bryan King, Vice Chairman David Hunt, Member Greg Lovelace, and Chairman Michael Benfield

Nay: 0

**Resolution of the
Rutherford County Airport Authority
Relating to 2025 Meeting Schedule**

Whereas, the Rutherford Airport Authority is authorized by its enabling legislation to establish its regular meeting dates; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Rutherford County Airport Authority regularly scheduled meetings will be held bimonthly on the first Monday of the month at 4:00 P.M. on the dates shown below for the year 2025 and that such regular meetings will be held in the Rutherford County Office Building, 289 North Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC in the County Commissioners' Chambers. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

January 6, 2025

March 3, 2025

May 5, 2025

July 7, 2025

September 8, 2025

November 3, 2025

Adopted this the 4th day of November 2024.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Benfield called the meeting to adjourn.

A motion was made by Member Greg Lovelace and seconded by Member Bryan King to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 Vice Chairman Hunt, Chairman Benfield, Member Lovelace, and Member King

Nay: 0

Chairman, Airport Authority

Vice Chairman, Airport Authority

Attest:

Secretary to the Airport Authority