



Rutherford County Airport Authority

289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Monday, March 2, 2026, 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order

Chairman to the Airport Authority Michael Benfield called the March 2, 2026, 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

Secretary Kim Aldridge led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Agenda Approval

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

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

Nay: 0

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Agenda

[ID 26-4386](#)

Minutes of January 5, 2026, Rutherford County Airport Authority Board Meeting

A motion was made by Member Bryan King and seconded by Member Hunter Haynes to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2026 Airport Authority Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

IV. Director's/Financial Report

[ID 26-4387](#) **Financial Report**

Airport Director Devon Raisch reported on the Financial Report and noted all was trending well to date.

V. Informational Updates

[ID 26-4388](#) **Informational Updates**

Director Devon Raisch, along with Greg Kershaw, provided updates on the following:

- **Fencing Project:** Construction is progressing well.
- **Hangar Space:** Interest in hangar space remains strong.
- **Fuel Farm Upgrade:** A backup generator is being added to support the existing fuel farm infrastructure.

Information only.

VI. New Business

[ID 26-4389](#) **Fuel Farm Upgrade Work Authorization No. 6**

Airport Director Devon Raisch presented Work Authorization No. 6 Fuel Farm Upgrade Design/Bid and Construction Phase Services to the board to be approved nunc pro tunc.

A motion was made by Member Bryan King and seconded by Vice Chairman Haulk to approve the Work Authorization No, 6 Fuel Farm Upgrade Design/Bid and Construction Phase Service nunc pro tunc. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

[ID 26-4412](#) **Utility Right-of-Way for Neighboring Property**

A Utility Right-of-Way between the Rutherford County Airport Authority, Broad River Water Authority, Steven Travis Butler and Jessica Hanes Butler for properties located at 214 and 193 Bee Hive Drive, Rutherfordton, NC 28139, was presented to the Board for

approval.

A motion was made by Member Hunter Haynes and seconded by Vice Chairman Haulk to authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman, working with Airport staff and the County Attorney, to negotiate the location and conditions for a right-of-way or easement over Rutherford Airport Authority property for utility purposes in favor of the above properties and to execute such legal instrument for recording as shall document the same. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Benfield called the meeting to adjourn.

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

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

Nay: 0

Chairman, Airport Authority

Vice Chairman, Airport Authority

Attest:

Secretary to the Airport Authority