



Rutherford County Airport Authority

289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Monday, November 3, 2025, 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order

Chairman to the Airport Authority Michael Benfield called the November 3, 2025, meeting of the Airport Authority to order.

Present: 5 Michael Benfield, Bryan King, Hunter Haynes, Alan Toney, and Donnie Haulk

Absent: 0

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 Alan Toney to approve the agenda. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 5 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, Member Toney, and Member Haulk

Nay: 0

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Consent Agenda

ID 25-4298 Minutes of September 8, 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 September 8, 2025 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, Member Toney, and Member Haulk

Nay: 0

IV. Director's/Financial Report

ID 25-4300 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 25-4301 Informational Updates – EDA Sewer Project

Director Raisch provided an update on the EDA Sewer Project, noting that the Airport has the opportunity to secure full funding through grants—twenty percent from Dogwood Trust and the remainder from the EDA—in partnership with Rutherfordton's efforts to extend sewer service to the airport.

Information only.

VI. New Business

ID 25-4308 Hangar Request for Bart Jones, Causebe, LLC

Director Raisch presented a hangar request for Bart Jones, Causebe, LLC to move forward with development on Site 8F at the Rutherford County Airport intended for aircraft storage for the Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bryan King and seconded by Member Hunter Haynes to approve the Resolution for hangar request for Bart Jones, Causebe, LLC to move forward with development on Site 8F at the Rutherford County Airport intended for aircraft storage. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, Member Toney, and Member Haulk

Nay: 0

A RESOLUTION APPROVING HANGAR DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Rutherford Airport Authority (“Airport Authority”) has received an inquiry from Causebe, LLC, and Bart Jones 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 Causebe, LLC, and/or Bart Jones, 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 8F at the Rutherford County Airport.

Adopted this 3 day of November, 2025

ID 25-4303 Meeting Dates for Rutherford Airport Authority for 2026

A motion was made by Member Hunter Haynes and seconded by Member Alan Toney to approve the Meeting Dates for Rutherford Airport Authority for 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, Member Toney, and Member Haulk

Nay: 0

**Resolution of the
Rutherford County Airport Authority
Relating to 2026 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 2026 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 5, 2026

March 2, 2026

May 4, 2026

July 6, 2026

September 8, 2026 (Tuesday)

November 2, 2026

Adopted this the 3rd day of November 2025.

VII. Adjournment

Chairman Benfield called the meeting to adjourn.

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

Aye: 5 Vice Chairman King, Chairman Benfield, Member Haynes, Member Toney, and Member Haulk

Nay: 0

Chairman, Airport Authority

Vice Chairman, Airport Authority

Attest:

Secretary to the Airport Authority