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Jessica Byerly, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
March 4, 2026 AT 4:00 PM, Durant Regional Airport
Conference Room
10 Waldron Dr,
Durant, OK 74701**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Craige called the meeting to order at 4:03PM.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Craige provided the invocation and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Member Dufur
Board Member Dewald
Vice Chairman Sherrer
Chairman Dan Craige

Absent:

Board Member Dan Moore
Board Member Stuteville
Board Member Gaffney

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent Items

To help streamline meetings and allow the focus to be on other items requiring strategic thought, the "Consent Items" portion of the agenda groups the routine, procedural, and self-explanatory non-controversial items together. These items are voted on in a single motion (one vote). However, any Council member requesting further information on a specific item thus removes it from the "Consent

Items" section for individual attention and separate vote.

- a. Consider Approval of Regular Called Meeting Minutes of February 4th, 2026

Motion To: Approve the Regular Called Meeting Minutes of February 4th, 2026

Motion By: Dufur

Seconded By: Dewald

Ayes: Dufur, Dewald, Sherrer, Craige

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

- a. Director's Report on changes to the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP)

During the section of the meeting, Airport Director Godfrey wanted to make the board aware of changes made to the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP).

The biggest change made was in response to the property lines shared with Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SE). The original plan had part of the ramp/apron expansion along with some new hangars being built on part of SEs property and, after talks with the University, that section has been put on the back burner for now. Godfrey's new plan is to expand the apron area to the existing property line and not build the hangars. With no hard investments in hangar tenants for the planned sizes, Godfrey and the City Manager decided that it would be better to put that money into pavement and leave the hangar building to private investors. His counter is to use the money that was earmarked for those hangars to build run-up areas at both ends of the taxiway. This will give access at the ends of 17–35 to aircraft ready to take off while student aircraft may be performing run-up checklists.

Currently and in the past, it is not uncommon for 2–3 student aircraft to be "congesting" the taxiway, forcing some business jets and other aircraft to make intersection take-offs. These areas will be big enough for aircraft to maneuver to face into the wind for their run-ups, as well as be offset enough that the bigger aircraft can taxi past them without wingtip collision, effectively making movement on the taxiways smoother. The goal is to try to combine putting in these areas with the already scheduled ramp expansion, but it will most likely happen in 2 phases, with the first phase being the run-up runway 17. At this time, Godfrey did not have any cost numbers to provide for the board.

Some clarification was asked for by our Member of council and Vice-Chair Sherrer about the current stage of the expansion project and when construction might start. Godfrey provided that the year 2026 is just the design phase, and we should hopefully start seeing construction in 2027. This design phase will also include siting where the wind sock and segmented circle would need to be moved to as they are currently in the bounds of the planned ramp section.

Another subject that Godfrey addresses is the taxiway from A2-35. This section has a significant bump where the asphalt and concrete meet aloud with waving in the asphalt. Godfrey states that we are asking the FAA to consider replacement of that whole area with concrete so that it will meet design standards. Until then, he has been speaking with the Public Works Director about if they have any equipment that can help grind down the hump at the seam of the concrete and asphalt to make it safer to taxi over. So far, the FAA is amenable to all of this.

The conversation then led into discussion about the proposed Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT). According to the ACIP, the siting study is planned for 2026. During this phase, ATC personnel will be involved in helping to plan out where the best spot for a tower would be on the field. This study considers sight lines and potential future expansions, and the airport would be provided with a list of these potential sites along with what height the tower would need to be. With regard to the States appropriated funding for the tower, Board Member Dewald wanted to know if these funds were in an account somewhere or if they were just promised. Godfrey answered that after the legislature appropriated these funds, they are now sitting in the coffers of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Division. 20 million and 5 years is what Godfrey said he has been told about the ATCT as far as cost and time frame. But the only thing that has been approved is around 3 million for site study and design.

The Director stated in the conversation that he and the airport engineering company KSA plan to have contracts for design of both the apron and ATCT ready to present to the Airport Authority and City Council at their April meeting.

Godfrey also made mention that he thought the current ACIP dealing with 2031 for Runway 17-35 Rehab for crack sealing is a little far off, but he has no solution to this currently. As far as fuel sales, we are lagging on Jet but way ahead on AvGas. He is hopeful that Jet fuel sales will increase before the end of the fiscal year.

To end this section of the agenda, the Director passed his cellphone around to show the board members an oil painting of General Eaker, the airport's namesake. It was painted in 1977 by a Southeastern University air professor and is now with the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in storage and was originally hung in the Blue Room at the Capital building. After talking with the Hall of Fame, they are getting it ready and doing to conservancy on it, and then they will bring it back to the Airport to be displayed in the terminal.

4. Administration

5. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn the Regular Called Meeting of March 4th, 2026

Motion By: Dufur

Seconded By: Dewald

Ayes: Dufur, Dewald, Sherrer, Craige

Nays: None

Abstain: None