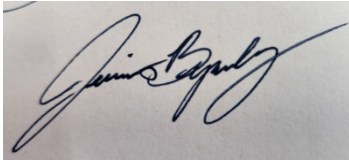


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Jessica Byerly, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
May 6, 2026 AT 4:00 PM, Durant Regional Airport
Conference Room
10 Waldron Rd,
Durant, OK, 74701**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Craige called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Board Member Moore provided the invocation. Chairman Craige led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

- Present:
Board Member Dufur
Board Member Moore
Board Member Gaffney
Chairman Dan Craige

- Absent:
Board Member Dewald
Board Member Stuteville
Vice Chairman Sherrer

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 April 1st, 2026
Motion To: Approve Regular Called Meeting Minutes of April 1st, 2026

Motion By: Dufur

Seconded By: Moore

Ayes: Dufur, Moore, Gaffney, Craige

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Approval passes unanimously.

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

a. Director's Report

Before the Director could give his report, Board Member Dufur asked if anyone had heard an update on the application status of Corbin Massey or Sherrif Joey Tucker. Neither the Director nor Admin had heard any news from the City Clerk about these applications. Board Member Gaffney announced that he will be retiring from SEOSU and will be working with Choctaw and has been asked by them to remain on the board as representation for them. This brought around some questions about what kind of seats were designated for the board in the bylaws. Examples were seats for Choctaw or Law Enforcement similar to DIA and SEOSU. Director Godfrey stated that he would look into it.

We then moved on to Director Godfrey's report, starting with Capital Improvement Projects. The ATC tower project has been given the full green light, the state funding has been approved and is now available. Gaffney did ask if the siting had started, which was followed up with the Chairman asking if the FAA picks the sites. The Director answered that the siting has not started, and there will be a collaboration with the FAA and the airport engineering firm KSA on where the three potential sites will be. Tentative potential sites that were discussed during this meeting are the green field between the FBO and College Campus, the Campus and Choctaw hangar, and possibly the east side of the runway. There were concerns brought up about how having the tower on the east side would impact future expansion such as a parallel runway, which is indeed a plausible concern.

The next project discussed was the apron expansion, which is in the design phase and set for contraction in 2027. Gaffney did clarify that this would extend the south side of the current FBO apron up to the property line with SEOSU, the Director confirmed. This expansion would very much increase the ability to manage aircraft parking. A recent weekend saw a huge uptick in casino traffic and the ramp was becoming overrun. Having this expansion will help FBO staff manage and arrange parking to better suit the aircraft instead of having jets and smaller planes all jumbled together on the current ramp. The expansion will also see the relocation of the current A3 stub that accessed

the ramp, which will also help with aircraft movement. Integrated into this expansion, the Director hopes to add monthly tie-down spots. Dufur did ask if the ramp would be a movement area when the tower is in place but the Godfrey stated the ramp would be non movement unless the FAA states otherwise.

Lastly, on Capital Improvement was the hangar development for the southern apron/taxiway area. The director stated that this project had started, which the board asked for clarification on. It started with the state kicking in 40%, and it is currently in the design phase and is currently only on the north side of the taxiway stub, with construction also set to start in 2027. The director clarified that there are some utilities that run to the site and that the state is planning for two 75x75 hangars, budget allowing, or it will fall to one. The director believes it may end up being just one, as there is a lot of infrastructure work that needs to be done in the area, including finishing the utility lines, access roads, and removal of debris left from Choctaw's hangar construction. There have also been discussions about the soil in that area and KSA is recommending digging down six feet and putting backfill in, to which the director proposed scraping the whole area at once and filling it in instead of site to site. He believes that having the soil hangar ready will help to drive private investment in that area.

As of April, JetA+ and AvGas sales have exceeded last year.

Director Godfrey continued on to mention that he is entering a contract with USDA to help manage the feral pig issues that have made their way onto airport property. USDA will also help with the white-tail deer as well. This contract is for \$7,500 for a six-month period, consisting of USDA building traps and taking care of the wildlife. Board Member Dufur voices concern about the coyotes that roam the airport. Godfrey stated that at past airports he had managed the USDA contracts that included all the critters but that this division didn't have the capacity for such. However, Godfrey stated that he also wants to enter into a vegetation management contract to help mitigate the birds and other wildlife so they are not attracted to the area.

Godfrey announced an upcoming event, a food truck fly-in on Saturday, June 27th, 2026, from 9am-2pm and invited the members to bring their families and spread the word. The Admin stated that the Airport currently has three food trucks interested. One sales sandwiches and baked potatoes, there will be a BBQ truck, and a Snow Cone stand. The Director also announced that Magnolia Cafe will provide a nice breakfast spread for the event as well.

The airport recently had a group of bonanzas come in that were doing FFI training. They were in the area practicing formation flying for the day.

The airport will also be putting a "Halito" sign above the ramp side door entrance. We are working on moving the Martinaire Caravan to the end of building 8 to help free up ramp space. The director is planning to get another courtesy car as they are being used a lot more frequently lately.

Gaffney had a question about the potential run-up areas that were previously discussed. Godfrey tried to get them added to the proposal for the ramp expansion and hangar project but was rejected. Gaffney would like to keep pushing for these in the upcoming budgets. Godfrey at one point mentioned that the runway needs some maintenance, which brought up the area of the taxi way where asphalt was placed during the runway expansion. Currently, there is a hump where the concrete and asphalt meet along with waves in the asphalt section. Godfrey would like to completely replace that section of the taxiway in the future as budgeting allows.

Godfrey mentioned near the end of this discussion that Air Evac is scheduled to move out of the FBO building by June 1st. This leads to discussions about what could happen with the vacated space. Concerns were voiced about offices going in that did not pertain to aeronautic scopes, which the director said would not happen. The board voiced some idea of a rental car company or a commercial-type of business that would be advantageous to the airport. However, the bond for the terminal building currently wouldn't allow this. Godfrey did mention that the bond is up in 2029. As of this time there are no plans for the vacated space.

4. Administration

5. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn the Regular Called Meeting of May 6th, 2026

Motion By: Dufur

Seconded By: Gaffney

Ayes: Dufur, Moore, Gaffney, Craige

Nays: None

Abstain: None