



**MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION  
November 18, 2024 MEETING**

**Meeting Details:**

Jim Hamilton – L. B. Owens Airport Community/Conference Room  
November 18, 2024  
11:30 AM

**Roll Call:**

Commission Members in attendance:

- Mike Kelly, Esquire, Chairman
- Lynn Hutto, Vice Chairman
- John Parrish, Secretary
- Lindsey Ott
- Brianna Barrineau

The following persons were absent:

- Prentiss McLaurin, Treasurer

Richland County Council & Staff in attendance:

- John Thompson, Asst. County Administrator
- Peter Cevallos, Airport General Manager

Guest in attendance:

- Peggy Roberson, Eagle Aviation
- Jim Herpst, EAA/Hangar Tenant
- Ryan Turiak, Aircraft Maintenance Services (AMS), LLC
- Joseph Benevides, Aircraft Maintenance Services (AMS), LLC
- Andy Busbee, Michael Baker International

**Call to Order**

There was a call to order by Chairman Kelly at 11:32 pm and a quorum in attendance announced. Commissioner Parrish delivered the invocation.

**Meeting Agenda Distribution**

Chairman Kelly asked the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

**Previous Meetings Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 9, 2024 were presented for approval. Vice-Chair Hutto made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Barrineau; the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Airport General Manager's Report**

- *Operations/Finance Report:* Mr. Cevallos briefed Airport Operations for the month of September 2024 was 735 take-offs and 750 landings; for October 2024, 1,126 take-offs and 1,113 landings. Mr. Cevallos presented a graphic representation that describes the flight operations for calendar year 2024. Discussion ensued analyzing the reason for the increase in flight operations. In course of the discussion, Mr. Cevallos recognized Mrs. Peggy Roberson with Eagle Aviation who provided the fixed base operation activity report. Mr. Cevallos shared the Operating Budget Status for the Airport through October 2024: Airport Revenue was \$109,704, which is 41% of budget, Personnel expenditures \$60,307, Operations expenditures \$74,213, and capital expenditures \$29,206; total expenditures \$163,726.
- *Projects Status Report:* Mr. Cevallos briefed that new beacon tower was installed mid-September and is operational; no issues have been realized with its function, and it has been well-received by airport users. The 75% matching grant of \$110,728 from the State has been received. Mr. Cevallos also reported that he was continuing to work with the County's Finance Department to determine if the tower was listed on the Airport's Asset List, and that he would report back the final results.

Mr. Cevallos reported the Airport consultant is continuing work on the Taxilane Pavement Rehabilitation (Design) project, as well as the Airfield Assessment and Alternative Study. Commissioner Parrish asked the expected date of completion for the Airfield Assessment project, to which Mr. Cevallos responded the spring/summer of 2025; upon prompt from Mr. Cevallos, Mr. Busbee, Airport consultant with Michael Baker International confirmed.

**Approval of Avigation Easement – S. Pickens St. Townhome Development**

Mr. Cevallos briefed that an avigation easement has been drafted for a proposed townhome development at 480 S. Pickens Street, which is less than one mile to the northwest of the airport, off the end of the runway. The easement will enforce airspace protection over the property, holding the County and the Airport harmless for aircraft passing through the airspace at any altitude above the property. Staff is requesting a motion from the Airport Commission to support County Council's approval of the easement. Commissioner Barrineau made a motion for Mr. Cevallos to supporting Council authorize the County to sign the easement. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Hutto, and unanimously voted.



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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: John Parrish**

Chairman Kelly recognized Commissioner Parrish, thanking him for his time and service to the Airport Commission.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Airport Commission will be on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 11:30pm.