

Cherokee County Airport
Regular Meeting Minutes
6 January 2025
Airport Terminal Building Conference Room
1350 Bishop Road, Ball Ground, GA
5:00 PM

Attendance:

- John Marinko
- Dave Davis (via phone)
- Steve Mammen
- Joe Lawrence
- Quentin Thomas
- Gabe Chatham
- Keith Stevens

Regular Guests:

- Jimmy Garland (SS Aviation)
- Phil Eberly
- Whitney Eberly
- Amanda Rostin
- Anthony Aspito
- Harry Johnston
- Dennis Berry
- Gabe Hrib, Cherokee Hangers, LLC.

Meeting Proceedings:

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
 - Led by Joe Lawrence, including prayers for those in need and for guidance in the new year.
2. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM by John Marinko.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion by Steve Mammen, seconded by Joe Lawrence. Agenda approved unanimously.
4. Welcome Guests - Public Input
 - Dennis Berry discussed concerns about the lack of night approaches, highlighting the economic impact on business aviation. He shared an example of a perfect autopilot landing, underscoring the frustration with current FAA delays.
 - Gabe Chatam provided updates on their hangar project, noting they're close to receiving a Certificate of Occupancy (CO). They requested an extension of their lease to at least 30 years, ideally 40, due to increased construction costs.
5. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (December 2, 2024)
 - Motion by John Marinko, seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.
6. Officer Elections

- John Marinko elected as Chair
- Steve Mammen elected as Vice Chair
- Dave Davis elected as Secretary/Treasurer

7. Old Business

- Night Approaches - Lengthy discussion on the ongoing issues with the FAA regarding nighttime approaches. The board decided to escalate the issue politically:
 - Motion by Steve Mammen to expedite the resolution process by involving Representative Barry Loudermilk. The motion passed unanimously.
- Additional Auto Parking - No change or action.
- Tie-Down Area Expansion - Sketches shared for 9 new spots (3 existing); bidding expected in May, completion late summer. Emphasis on ensuring no fewer than 12 spots are available on the airfield during Global Hanger construction.
- Wind Cone/AWOS Relocation - Working on sighting.
- Terminal Maintenance - No specific updates mentioned.
- Committee Reports:
 - Chairman's Report - Discussed east side gate concerns.
 - Airport Facilities - Nothing significant to report.
 - Noise Abatement - No updates.
 - Leases - Dave Davis to update on CAH payments.
 - Airport Users' Group - No new information.
 - Governance - Elections completed.
 - Terminal Building Maintenance - Minor repairs and preparations for potential icy conditions.

8. New Business

- Terminal Apron/Hanger Area Paving Project - Plans submitted to GDOT; further details to be shared in future meetings about phasing and tenant impact.
- Treasurer Report - New account opened; moving towards ACH payments. December reports to be distributed next week.

9. FBO Report

- Fuel sales at approximately 43,000 gallons, down from previous highs. Discussion on the potential need for an additional fuel farm.

10. Announcements

- Next meeting: February 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Terminal Building.

11. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.