

Cherokee County Airport Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2025
Airport Terminal Building Conference Room
1350 Bishop Road, Ball Ground, GA
5:00 PM

Attendees: John Marinko, Dave Davis, Steve Mammen, Joe Lawrence, Quentin Thomas, Gabe Chatham, Keith Stevens

Regular Guests: Jimmy Garland, Phil Eberly, Whitney Eberly, Amanda Rostin, Anthony Aspito, Harry Johnston

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance - Dave Davis

Call to Order (5:00PM) - John Marinko

Welcome Guests: Paul Caliban, Evan Marble

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (Feb 3, 2025) - John Marinko

- Motion: Steve Mammen, Second: Keith Stevens, Approved: Yes

Approval of Agenda - John Marinko

- Motion: Steve Mammen, Second: Keith Stevens, Approved: Unanimously
- Motion to amend and add "Add Resources" to agenda
 - By Joe Lawrence, Second: Quentin Thomas - Approved
 - Discussion : Lawrence requested a 5-minute continuation of last meeting's resource discussion, noting prior talks left unresolved. Mammen noted the issue's breadth.
 - Vote: 4 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain - Agenda amended to include "Add Resources" after Governance.

Old Business

- Night Approaches - John Marinko/Phil Eberly
 - Marinko: Update on resources—Robert Sawl's DC contact unable to assist due to departmental shakeup; no response from Barry Loudermilk or Rob Atkinson despite calls.
 - Eberly: Ashley Padgett (Loudermilk's office) reported the FAA will respond via Associate Administrator. Ossoff and Warnock's offices were contacted.
 - James Doyle (Garland's resource) and Wayne Dodd (Stevens' resource) to pursue with provided info.
- Terminal Apron/Hangar Area Paving Project - Phil Eberly

- GDOT comments just received. Lead Edge to address comments and return to GDOT. Upon GDOT approval, the project will be advertised for 30 days. Bids will be reviewed in the following meeting to be returned to GDOT,
- Tie-Down Area Expansion - Phil Eberly
 - Design finishing; bids expected for May meeting.

Committee Reports

- Chairman's Report - John Marinko
 - Security: Met Feb 28 with Sheriff Lindsey Harris. Surveyed weak spots; new hangars cameras not tied to the Sheriff's Office. Discussed License plate cameras (\$3,000). Suspect arrested Feb 15 for multi-airport thefts, including a Bose headset, now in Fayette County Jail.
- Airport Facilities - Joe Lawrence
 - CCAA east side temporary camera disconnected. Was a deterrent; the new gate sign prompted calls. New wind sock ordered (\$240).
- Noise Abatement - Steve Mammen
 - Nothing to report.
- Leases - Gabe Chatham
 - Executed Global Hangar lease amendment; copies on CCAA Portal. Chatham to track client requirements (e.g., insurance, as-built drawings). Follow-up from Feb 3: contracts discussed Jan 28, reviewed by Board.
- Airport Users Group - Joe Lawrence
 - Nothing to report.
- Terminal Building Maintenance - Keith Stevens
 - Nothing to report.
- Governance - Steve Mammen
 - Mammen, Chatham, and Stevens reviewed minimum standards, found no amendments needed.
- Add Resources - Joe Lawrence
 - Lawrence: Jet/county revenue up 500-600%; suggests funding via jet fees or county (\$1.2M tax contribution).
 - Proposed a special committee to review this issue and bring recommendations to the Board.
 - Motion: Joe Lawrence, Second: Quentin Thomas, 6 Yes, 1 No (Marinko), Approved: Yes,
 - Committee named "Resource Review" to report recommendations.
 - Committee members: Joe Lawrence , Quentin Thomnas, Keith Stevens

Treasurer Report - Dave Davis

- Shared 2024 budget vs. actuals; 2025 similar, Hangar revenue projected in reviewed budgets. Considering staff support costs.

Airport Operations - Jimmy Garland

- FBO Report: 100% capacity; recent military traffic. Request to extend apron for helicopter staging.
- Motion to approve a concrete pad adjacent to the self serve area for helicopter staging, to be funded by S&S and approved by Lead Edge: Motion: Steve Mammen, Second: Joe Lawrence, Approved: Yes

Announcements - John Marinko

- Quentin Thomas Reported New great-grandbaby (Andrew David Cook) arrived March 2.
- Marinko Researched new chairs (\$2,798 for 12 at Office Depot).

Next Meeting - John Marinko

- 5:00 PM, April 7, 2025, Terminal Building

Adjournment (6:24) - John Marinko