

Cherokee County Airport

Regular Meeting Minutes

3 November 2025

Airport Terminal Building Conference Room

1350 Bishop Road, Ball Ground, GA

5:00 PM

Attendance: John Marinko, Steve Mammen, Dave Davis, Keith Stevens, Quinten Thomas, Gabe Chatham, Evan Marble

Regular Guests: Jimmy Garland, Phil Eberly, Whitney Eberly, Anthony Aspito, Aaron Stark, Harry Johnston

Guests: Holly Overdyke, Jack & Concetta Hedricks, Will Cagle, Mitchell Cooke, Tom Bryan, Jim Kenny

- Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance Davis
- Call to Order (500: PM) Marinko
- Approve Agenda Marinko
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 - Motion: Mammen Second: Thomas Approved: Unanimous
- Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (10/6/2025) Marinko
 - Motion: Mammen Second: Stevens Approved: Unanimous
- Old Business
 - Night Approaches / PAPI Marinko/Eberly
 - NOTAM restored for night approaches
 - Trinity scheduled to be on site this week
 - Motion to change Agenda moving Global Hangar Development after Committee Reports
 - Motion: Mammen Second: Chatham Approved: Unanimous
 - Tie Down Area Expansion & Gate 3 Paving Eberly/Rostin
 - Waiting on environmental approval from GDOT
 - Motion to approve signing Lead Edge task order for testing and construction phase.
 - Motion: Mammen Second: Thomas Approved: Unanimous
 - Terminal Apron/Hangar Area Paving Project Eberly/Rostin
 - Construction scheduled for Spring 2026
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 - Terminal Parking Lot Expansion Eberly/Rostin
 - Plans submission to GDOT is November
 - Expecting GDOT approval to go to bid in Jan/Feb 2026
 - Fence Vegetation Clearing Eberly/Rostin
 - Lead Edge will evaluate the project for payment approval

- Committee Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - SPLOST projects submitted to County
 - \$14M in projects
 - \$6M committed
 - \$8M future funding TBD
 - Airport Facilities
 - American Eagle initial contract completed
 - Russell completing airport grass mowing
 - Expect new rate of \$640/month
 - Submitted "Hotspot" to FAA for CNI airport diagram indicating poor radio service and limited line of site for pilots
 - Noise Abatement
 - Complaint to Commissioner Cagle
 - Leases
 - Attorney Strickland progressing on S&S contract update
 - Airport Users Group
 - Nothing to report
 - Hamburger cookout at Evan's hanger (Hanger D5)
 - Terminal Maintenance
 - Minor handyman repairs completed by Stevens
 - Vacuum not working well
 - AED estimate is closer to \$2k
 - Marinko repaired the ice dispenser
 - Governance
 - Investigating security camera options from Cloud Systems
- Global Hangers Development Update
 - Serious interest in 4 of the 8 hangars
 - Expecting shovel in the ground in 60-90 days
 - 6 months of ground work, 6 months of building construction
- Dave Savage Plaque Request
 - Motion to use Savage story to build a framework to develop feasibility of a recognition area at CNI.
 - Motion: Mammen Second: Stevens Approved: Unanimous
- New Business
 - Discussion of Airport Authority Legislation Change
 - Motion: Thomas Second: Stevens Approved: Unanimouse
 - Motion to table this for now and discuss at next meeting
 - Motion: Thomas Second: Stevens Approved: Unanimouse
- Treasurer Report
 - Nothing to report
- Airport Operations
 - Garland

- Terminal Gate problem reported
- Just shy of 60K gallons of fuel
- Ramp fees revenue up \$4K due to rate increases
- Jet traffic has increased in last 4 months
- Increase in calls from pilots for max runway landing weight
- Announcements Marinko
 - Next meeting: 5:00 PM, December 1, 2025 - Terminal Building
- Adjournment - 7:00PM Marinko