

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
April 15, 2026

Hall County Airport Authority
3579 Sky Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68801

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER(S) PRESENT

Chair Ryan O'Neill, Vice-Chair Lynne Werner, Secretary/Treasurer Tim Victor, Doug Brown, Brian Quandt

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT

None

AIRPORT AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director Mike Olson, Accounting Manager Katrina Timmerman, Office Manager Maggie McDermott

LEGAL COUNSEL ABSENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Regular Meeting of the Hall County Airport Authority Board was held at the Airport Authority Board Room located at 3579 Sky Park Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801 on April 15, 2026. Notice of Meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on April 8, 2026. Board Chair O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and announced the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act for public viewing.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited in unison

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes from the Regular Meeting held March 18, 2026
- b. Resolution No. 26-28 Claims 4311 through 4324

Motion by Brown, second by Werner, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes and the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 5 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Victor, Quandt.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA

FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by Accounting Manager Timmerman

Budget Narrative Ending March 2026 3rd Month of 2nd Qtr : 50.00%	Current Amount March	YTD Amount Oct 25 - Sep 26	Yearly Budget Amount	YTD %	Remaining Budget Amount
Operating Income	\$212,128.49	\$1,232,812.01	\$2,547,698.00	48.39%	\$1,314,885.99
Operating Expenses	\$230,576.87	\$1,422,644.30	\$3,434,596.00	41.42%	\$2,011,951.70
Total Operating Income/(Loss)	(\$18,448.38)	(\$189,832.29)	(\$886,898.00)	21.40%	(\$697,065.71)
Tax Levy - Bond	\$31,173.21	\$356,678.43	\$1,568,000.00	22.75%	\$1,211,321.57
Tax Levy - General	\$4,512.29	\$91,225.43	\$269,515.00	33.85%	\$178,289.57
Tax Levy - General Fund Designated for Air Service Development	\$8,327.18	\$56,750.16	\$375,000.00	15.13%	\$318,249.84
Net Income/(Loss)	\$238,069.46	(\$1,121,214.50)	(\$2,385,652.00)	47.00%	(\$1,264,437.50)

ACTIVITY REPORTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Air Traffic Activity Report

Presented by Executive Director Olson

GRI	Itinerant Operations					Local Operations			Overall Total TRF
	Air Carrier	Air Taxi	Civil Aviation	Military	TOTAL OPS	Civil	Military	TOTAL LCL	
Mar 2026	97	252	447	63	859	182	4	186	1,045
Mar 2025	128	131	420	89	768	164	50	214	982
%Change	-24%	92%	6%	-29%	12%	11%	-92%	-13%	6%

Enplanement/Deplanement Reports

Presented by Executive Director Olson

	Allegiant	No. of Flights LAS	No. of Flights IWA	Total No. Flights	No. of Canceled Flights	G4 LF	American Airlines	No. of Flights DFW	No. of Canceled Flights	AA LF	Charters	Total No. of Flights	No. of Canceled Flights	Total Monthly Enplanements	YTD
Mar-26	3,896	9	18	27	0	82%	3,035	62	0	73%	0	0	0	6,931	18,519
Mar-25	3,951	9	18	27	0	86%	2,996	60	5	81%	179	1	0	7,126	19,461
+/- %	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%	1%	3%	0%	-10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-5%

Operations & Facility Report

Presented by Executive Director Olson

Facilities:

- Carried out monthly PM's
- Turned sprinkler systems on
- Prepping Mowers for season
- Assisted operations with moving into SRE building
- Numerous other work orders

Operations:

- Preparation for FAA inspection
- Completed all white painting on 1735
- Moving into new SRE building
- Monthly ARFF training
- Numerous other work orders

Project Report

Executive Director Olson: The Snow Removal Equipment building is done. They completed that 11 calendar days ahead of schedule, other than one small change order, it was pretty close to being on budget. Over the coming months we'll get manuals and closeout documents and a lot of paperwork needs to be done. There are no outstanding punch list items. I suspect that should be closed out here within probably two months.

Board Member O'Neill: Then we have an initial warranty on that too, right? How long does that go?

Executive Director Olson: The initial warranty is for one year, which is pretty standard.

Board Member O'Neill: Yeah, that's what I thought too. Yeah, so just keep your eyes out, sometimes things pop up. Anything else on projects or any questions?

Executive Director Olson: I do have one more on projects. Here two weeks ago, we started with the terminal expansion and passenger boarding bridge initial kickoff meeting, and we started talking about some preliminary designs. We worked through some of the issues the board had on the initial conceptual design. We have since moved the restrooms and the expansion to the south. The jet bridge obviously will stay where it's at up to the north, but I'll have some conceptual stuff to show to you guys later. I think you'll like what we've proposed. And we had to basically double the restrooms because of the area.

Board Member O'Neill: Is that the city code?

Executive Director Olson: Yeah.

Board Member O'Neill: But now it'll be on the south instead of the east. I think it'll look a lot better there.

Executive Director Olson: We're excited to get that going. I did submit for a congressionally directed spending grant through Senator Fischer's office that was due March 25th. I submitted for \$4.3 million, which would be approximately 90% of numbers that we had from last year.

Board Member Werner: When she was here, did she get a tour then? I mean, I know she's done the tour before, but did she indicate there were monies available if we did an expansion project like this?

Executive Director Olson: It's so hard to tell right now. Obviously, the man in charge has got other projects and other budget items that are higher priority. Senator Fisher's on the Appropriations Committee. That's a pretty powerful committee. It's hard to say.

Board Member Werner: But she toured the terminal again to refresh her memory.

Executive Director Olson: We drove by it.

Board Member Werner: She couldn't, didn't have time to go in it or anything.

Executive Director Olson: She'll be around again. So, That's about all I have for project reports.

Tenant Update

Presented by Zach Thompson, Trego-Dugan Aviation

Mr. Thompson: The numbers were up in March, even though we had a few less Allegiant flights. There was a lot of military activity and other aircraft, even though American was bringing in the smaller planes for the month, we had a really good month. Anytime we do over 120,000 gallons in a month, it's a good month for us. We have three openings in the next quarter, so we have a lot of GSE equipment going out of here, getting refurbished. And as of yesterday, the weights and measures people finally made it out, so we'll have our new 100 low lead truck is in service at the FBO, so we'll be looking to bring the fuel prices down like we did in North Platte. I don't know exactly what, but under \$5 a gallon, for most of the summer here in Grand Island. Should be happening next Wednesday. Hopefully that'll do nothing but help the numbers as well.

Board Member O'Neill: You guys seen any other continuing growth nationally or how's any other expansion coming?

Mr. Thompson: We have three more openings. We have another Amazon one in Florida so that's coming along and then we're doing Atlantic City for Breeze. Breeze Airlines has had a lot of growth. We're opening up another Avelo City as well. They don't stay in a region long if the numbers aren't there. If they don't make a lot of money, like some of those contracts we get, they open and then they're gone in six months. Allegiant kind of used to be like that years and years ago, if they weren't making money in the market, they pulled out right away. They're just trying to put all their concentration where they're going to make the most money. But Breeze is doing very solid. The numbers out of Lincoln are very good. And they've expanded their flights there to Orange County, California and Vegas now. They definitely seem to be very strong. We've got a great relationship with them and that's been very well. So fingers crossed, we might have another Amazon location in the works. And there again, those are large gateway cities. So those are huge for us, a lot of resources, and a lot of equipment that comes out of here to support those operations. It's very exciting. We've also added to our 145 repair station out of Grand Island here where we work on avionics. We have changed it fundamentally and we are going to start doing ULD. So the cargo containers that Amazon puts all the packages in and everything, that's actually an airworthy item with a data plate and a part number just like any other part of an airplane. And we've added that capability to our repair station certificate. We're going to start repairing those here in Grand

Island. It's going to be stuff that they're shipping from Kansas City to Denver right now to get fixed. We're right in the middle of that along I-80 so we're going to start doing some of that here and then a lot of it off-site at other locations. So that's a new capability that we're adding fixing up those boxes so good things.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-29: ACCEPT \$2,000.00 GRANT FROM THE HALL COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO HELP FUND ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER MOBILE TRAINING UNIT.

Motion by Brown, second by Quandt, authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$2,000.00 grant from the Hall County Local Emergency Planning Committee to help fund annual firefighter mobile training unit.

Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 5 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Victor, Quandt.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-30: APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH LUTZ TALENT TO PROCURE CANDIDATES FOR OPEN POSITIONS AT HALL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

Motion by Brown, second by Victor, authorizing the Executive Director to execute agreement with Lutz Talent to procure candidates for open positions at Hall County Airport Authority (HCAA).

- *Fee of 35% is reduced to 28% of the expected annual salary of the employee because HCAA has an existing relationship with Lutz*
- *Guarantee: If candidate is employed with HCAA 180 days or less HCAA receives a 100% credit to refill the position or a prorated refund*
- *Additional Guarantee: If candidate is employed with HCAA 180 days to 365 days HCAA receives a 25% credit to refill the position*

Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 5 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Victor, Quandt.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presented by Executive Director Olson

a. Legislative Update

Executive Director Olson: Congress is back in business today. Actually, they opened up again yesterday after their two-week Easter break. But there's one big unresolved issue, and that is DHS funding. Through executive order, the President made sure that the DSA employees got paid for time worked that they didn't get a paycheck for. So currently, they are working and with no guarantee of another paycheck. A lot of airport directors have been on national TV saying to Congress, don't use federal employees as hostages, is basically the message, which is absolutely true. I'm hoping that this gets resolved and we get a full budget or a budget for the remainder of the year. TSA is seeing people slowly leave the organization. And do you blame them? I mean, I feel bad for the employees in all this. Now, there has been some talk

about privatizing airport screening at Cat 3 and 4 airports. We are a Cat 3 airport. Omaha is the only commercial air carrier airport in the state that's not a Cat 3 or Cat 4 airport. So, I mean, it's probably at least a year away or longer. There's a couple congressmen that are floating that idea. They're doing some research on it. The question is, who pays for it? I mean, years and years ago, the airlines paid for airport screening. And then with high fuel, I mean, we all know \$100 a barrel isn't going to last forever. But airlines are struggling right now, for sure.

Board Chair O'Neill: I tell you, we had an employee that was supposed to fly from Houston on Monday, and they were, I think there was an advisement in Houston to show up four hours prior to flight time, and they didn't make that flight either. I think they showed about two and a half, and it was pretty packed.

Executive Director Olson: You know, there's pockets across the country. Two weeks ago, when I flew back from Las Vegas, of course, I was at the airport at 4 o'clock in the morning. I went through TSA pre-check and there was nobody in front of me. And there was eight people in the queue just moving real fast through the general lane, so there was no backup at Las Vegas.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Victor: We were in Orlando a couple weeks ago. We just walked through. There was no wait.

Executive Director Olson: There were a couple employees from Nebraska that went down to Atlanta to help out. From a federal level, that's about all I can really talk about or anything.

Attorney DePue: It doesn't affect our airport per se, but I kind of take it personal in that every year for 20 plus years, every governor wants to latch on to the Department of Aeronautics fuel sales tax fund and sweep it to the general budget, which they can't do under federal law. The administrative appointees from NDA don't want to say anything because they're appointed by the governor. They don't want to get fired. So I always find a way to get in through the back door and say, no, you can't do that. And I think I'm about 9 and 0 at this point. We've got that pushed off again. Someday I'll come back from the dead and communicate with somebody and say no, you still can't do that.

Executive Director Olson: The governor tried to sweep some interest money from the fuel sales dollar amount. And he was told by the NDOT director that he could do that.

Attorney DePue: Well, because I communicated with our lobbyists from the NAAO and Lippincott was a good resource as well. I said, okay, all I ask is you get a written opinion from the FAA in Kansas City that says you can do that. If you get that letter, I said, first off, I'm telling you you're not going to get it because you can't. But if you get the letter, fine, I'll shut up and go away. Well, they never asked for a letter because they knew what the answer would be. So that's kind of what happened there.

Board Chair O'Neill: They're about wrapping up session as well, too, right? So shouldn't leave a lot.

Attorney DePue: They got their budget done, which, they're required under Nebraska law, you have to provide a balanced budget.

Executive Director Olson: I do want to talk a little bit about the ribbon cutting that we had two weeks ago. What a great turnout. It was a nice event. Jeremy Borrell was so impressed with the building. He said, every airport in the state would love to have a building like this. And same with Deb Fischer. Obviously, we're very appreciative of her support for the airport. This is the second time she's stood up for us. She helped us get seven and a half million dollars of extra discretionary money to build our terminal, which is over half the cost of the terminal. And the \$3.15 million that she helped us with the SRE. That's not quite half of the cost, but it sure helps with our entitlements and other federal dollars that we're able to get the project done because the cost increased by 50% over the last four years when we initially put this on the books. Having that extra money sure was helpful. I want to apologize again to Brian, Tim, and Doug. During the opening comments I forgot to mention you guys for a while there. But it was a nice turnout. Wish we could have had the garage doors open. It was a little cold and windy that day. I did spend some time alone in this building with Deb Fisher and we talked about some federal things that we would like her to support as she starts putting together the budget for the federal government for next year, obviously, the Contract Tower Program, Essential Air Service Program. Those are key.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.
- b. Election primary on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. HCAA is a polling site.
- c. HCAA auction will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Brown, second by Victor, to go into Executive Session at 8:39 a.m. to discuss airline, lease, contract, and personnel negotiations. Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 5 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Victor, Quandt.

Motion by Brown, second by Victor, to come out of Executive Session with no decisions being made and reconvening to Regular Session at 9:16 a.m. Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 5 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Victor, Quandt.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

HALL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Maggie McDermott, Office Manager

Ryan O'Neill, Board Chair

Tim Victor, Board Secretary/Treasurer

(SIGNATURES ON FILE)