

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
June 16, 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, Doug Brown, Brian Quandt

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Secretary/Treasurer Tim Victor

AIRPORT AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director Mike Olson, Accounting Manager Katrina Timmerman, Accounting Manager Debbie Hand, Operations Manager Wes Harris, Office Manager Maggie McDermott, Intern Mack Visk

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 June 16, 2026. Notice of Meeting was given in the *Grand Island Independent* on June 9, 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 May 20, 2026
- b. Resolution No. 26-36 Claims 4335 through 4348

Motion by Brown, second by Quandt, to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes and the Consent Agenda. Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 4 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Quandt.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA

FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by Accounting Manager Timmerman

2nd Month of 3rd Qtr : 66.67%	Current Amount May	YTD Amount Oct 25 - Sep 26	Yearly Budget Amount	YTD %	Remaining Budget Amount
Operating Income	\$190,475.42	\$1,693,414.42	\$2,547,698.00	66.47%	\$854,283.58
Operating Expenses	\$219,613.09	\$1,904,330.20	\$3,434,596.00	55.45%	\$1,530,265.80
Total Operating Income/(Loss)	(\$29,137.67)	(\$210,915.78)	(\$886,898.00)	23.78%	(\$675,982.22)
Tax Levy - Bond	\$616,241.97	\$1,039,834.85	\$1,568,000.00	66.32%	\$528,165.15
Tax Levy - General	\$90,221.08	\$192,238.27	\$269,515.00	71.33%	\$77,276.73
Tax Levy - General Fund Designated for Air Service Development	\$163,064.49	\$236,611.43	\$375,000.00	63.10%	\$138,388.57
Net Income/(Loss)	\$941,170.35	(\$949,862.14)	(\$2,385,652.00)	39.82%	(\$1,435,789.86)

ACTIVITY REPORTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Air Traffic Activity Report

Presented by Air Traffic Manager TJ Hill

GRI	Itinerant Operations					Local Operations			Overall Total TRF
	Air Carrier	Air Taxi	Civil Aviation	Military	TOTAL OPS	Civil	Military	TOTAL LCL	
May 2026	71	222	398	52	743	106	4	110	853
May 2025	110	171	385	65	731	80	16	96	827
%Change	-35%	30%	3%	-20%	2%	33%	-75%	15%	3%

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
May-26	2,553	9	10	19	0	78%	2,926	55	0	71%	0	0	0	5,479	28,942
May-25	2,906	9	10	19	0	89%	3,527	61	1	89%	167	1	0	6,600	31,690
+/- %	-12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-12%	-17%	-10%	0%	-20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-9%

Operations & Facility Reports

Presented by Operations Manager Harris

Facilities:

- Ellis repairing ramp lights WOPS
- Ellis repaired north canopy lights
- Cloudburst repairing sprinkler systems
- Cleaned up trash around fences and terminal

- Carried out daily and weekly clean assignments
- Completed numerous small work orders
- Weekly and monthly PM's on buildings and systems completed

Operations:

- Completed FAA Part 139 Insp on April 14-15
- Finished prepping for auction date TBD
- Completed move into new SRE shop
- Have started annual Runway Taxiway painting
- Completed annual recertification ARFF training with MU
- Numerous other small work orders completed
- Monthly ARFF training completed
- Weekly and monthly PM's completed

Project Report

Presented by Executive Director Olson

Federally Funded (-052/-053/-054/-055) - Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Facility

- Closeout Process Underway. Benesch Is Collecting Final Paperwork/Information From Chief Construction. Benesch To Submit Formal Closeout Booklet In Coming Couple Months.

Federally Funded (-056) - Terminal Expansion & Passenger Loading Bridge (PLB) (FY'26/FY'27)

- FY'26 IIJA (Engineering Only) Grant Offer Received On April 8, 2026.
- HCAA Submitted FY'27 CDS (Congressional Directed Spending) Grant Application To Senator Fischer's Office For Construction Costs. No Updates To Date.
- Benesch Has Completed Field Survey and Geotech Work.
- Benesch/Davis Design Team Had Formal Kick-off/Vision Meeting with HCAA On 4/6/2026.
- Benesch/Davis Design/Swanson Rink Working Towards 30% Design Meeting In Early June With HCAA.
- Design Team Targeting 95% Submittal In October/November 2026.
- Project Will Be Bid Out In Early 2027, Then Will Seek FY'27 FAA "Construction" Grant.

Tenant Update

Presented by Geoff Florom, Trego-Dugan Aviation

Mr. Florom: First of all, I'd like to thank Wes for all this hard work, getting that sidewalk repaired. Definitely a large improvement. We look forward to getting that last piece fixed. Fuel flowage has just been great. We're up 6% for the year, so thank you for that. Other than that, things have been going smooth, so more to come.

Executive Director Olson: You can't get off that easy. All right. So talk through, if you can, about the ticket counter. Beaux is running that, correct? I've received a few complaints about Friday night and Saturday too, that there's been a lot of trainees working and no supervision.

Mr. Florum: Right now we have Nicolette who will be Beaux's backup. She is at the customer service training in Dallas. She will be back to assist Beaux. Beaux is training, and we're in an active, unannounced audit. If he was not at the counter for that date, I would assume he was probably with an auditor. They will depart this Thursday.

Executive Director Olson: Now, this was late night, or the supposed afternoon turn that involved three unaccompanied minors.

Mr. Florum: So there was a new policy that came out June 1st, where the parent has to go with the unaccompanied minor. We would have had a trainee that may not have known that policy change.

Executive Director Olson: I understand we all got to start new jobs and got to get trained, but it's the lady in question, felt there was no direction and, you know, that type of stuff. And also, we'd like Beaux to attend the tenant meetings if possible. He needs to engage with us a little bit more when you guys know that there's going to be delays and that type of stuff. And just getting back to air service here a little bit, SkyWest has been bringing in the CRJ-7s, which is 10 seats less, 11 seats less than the CRJ-9. Yesterday, they were booked 75, and so they had to pull off 10, 13 passengers.

Mr. Florum: It's become a recurring problem since December. They continue to downgrade us to the 700 on the RON coming in. The excuses are getting real thin. So I've escalated that up to Calvin and Matt. They are in the middle of a contract renegotiation with them. We're hoping to see something change because it's been, if not a daily or weekly for sure, problem where we have 13 passengers we have to remove. No one's going to volunteer because they can't make their connecting flight. So we don't have any resolution, and it's not good for us, it's not good for the airport, it's not good for the passenger.

Executive Director Olson: If you hear something, please let Wes or me know, or Maggie. We just wanted to make sure that Beaux understands he's got to communicate with us as well.

Board Member Brown: One more thing too. On these delayed flights and these canceled flights on Saturdays and Sundays and after hours, we're getting a lot of people in the terminal looking to get their bags and there's nobody, you know, set for two hours prior to the flight. Is there any way that we could, you could put a sign up there after hours and say call the FBO and somebody can come over and get their bag.

Mr. Florum: There's a sign that says call the FBO with the number on the counter. And so they're able to call us to retrieve their bag. We can come over and assist them. That's not a good answer, but we also can't staff the airport 24/7 over here.

Board Member Brown: We understand.

Mr. Florum: The worst part is, when we relay to the air carrier, say, hey, why don't you call the FBO to let that passenger get to somebody that is at the airport, they just keep calling the airport itself. So Hopefully, one of these days, they'll get the big picture.

Board Member Brown: Well, if there's a sign up there, I'll refer to the sign. But I've just been calling the FBO if I'm there.

Mr. Florum: It's a 8 by 11 sheet, and it's in a plastic holder that stays upright.

Board Member Brown: It's usually worse after they've cancelled or delayed flights, or they come in early.

Mr. Florum: Anytime that we have a bag that's unhanded, we put that sign up for delays. I mean, we took a 16-hour delay on Friday, so that was very significant.

Board Member Brown: There's been a lot of people sitting in the terminal that's probably missed the morning flight. They're hanging out there.

Executive Director Olson: I know, we understand. SkyWest is bringing a lot of these problems on themselves. We just have to help what we can control.

Board Member Quandt: Would there be any advantage of tracking how many times the 700 comes in here and/or how many passengers get bumped later flights? I mean, is there any advantage of us to track that.

Executive Director Olson: We do. We are at the mercy of the airline. We get the landing report every month and it shows the CRJ 900 and the 700s. But yeah, if you guys could maybe keep track of how many passengers?

Board Member Werner: Could have boarded but didn't get to board.

Mr. Florum: That's ultimately the issue. The flight that comes in for the RON, the midnight flight, there's not going to be a ton of passengers on there coming from Dallas. The issue is the star flight, the flight that goes out in the morning, it's oversold if we're downgraded. And it's consistently that way. So accommodating those passengers is next to impossible because their next flight's not going to be until five o'clock.

Board Member O'Neill: So a while ago we had issues with that, with the other smaller planes, then they start selling less seats for a while.

Board Member Quandt: I'm wondering is if we can't manage what we don't measure, so if we have the metrics of how many people are getting bumped, then we can either use that to talk with SkyWest. I know they are who they are. I mean, they're kind of the only player and we're at their mercy. But if we can point out to them that, you know, hey, this is the effect, maybe they'll think twice.

Board Member O'Neill: In the EAS contract, it doesn't actually specify the 900, correct?

Executive Director Olson: It specifies the 700/900.

Board Member O'Neill: So there's a lot of flexibility in there.

Executive Director Olson: And the minimum requirement is 12 round trips a week. Currently, they're doing 13. Usually, they do 14. But with this airworthiness directive on their 900s, some cabling in the elevators.

Board Member O'Neill: And it's a tough point, because it's not the fault of this airport itself, but we're at the mercy of them. It still affects our credibility. It's really frustrating.

Executive Director Olson: As Ryan knows, I have been in touch with the management folks at SkyWest expressing our concerns.

Board Member Quandt: But if we have that data, I mean, we can push them.

Executive Director Olson: They it, too.

Board Member Quandt: Whether they care or whether they know we have it.

Board Member O'Neill: Yeah, it'd be interesting. Here's the number of people that get kicked off a plane each month. There you go. I would like to have a report, too.

Attorney DePue: The number of people that are not going to come back because they got kicked out from flying. They're going to tell their friends and family they got kicked out from flying.

Board Member O'Neill: I didn't realize this happened that often.

Mr. Florom: Thank you for that. It's been very frequent since December. And then for the last three months, they've removed the Tuesday turn. So to Mike's point, where they're contractually required to have 12 flights a week, that's what they're right at.

Board Member O'Neill: It's been a while, but I've been on one of those planes a few years ago here where they said, we need 10 people to step off. And that does not go over well.

Attorney DePue: If you guys are on the front lines, it's not your fault.

Air Traffic Manager Hill: Are you assisting them in writing their complaint to the carrier and SkyWest? That's a good PR move.

Mr. Florom: We do the best that we can to assist them for rebooking their flight and then their complaint that is going to be highly expressed and probably thrown in the circle bin once it gets to SkyWest. Again, we're at the mercy of them.

Board Member Quandt: At least if we pointed it out, it might mean more, because it's a compounded effect, and the fact that if you get bumped on the morning flight, it is 5:30, and if you get bumped off that flight, you're just out of luck.

Mr. Florom: You're not going make a connecting flight, generally, they'll rebook for the next day and then we at least know that they were bumped from the day before with hopes that we don't receive a 700 that night.

Board Member O'Neill: Because the airlines have to compensate them when they remove them. Or I thought they got like a flight creditor voucher or something.

Mr. Florom: No. If they volunteer and we don't, we don't have any volunteers.

Board Member Brown: It goes up to a certain amount and then it goes to the lowest price that you get.

Mr. Florom: The first time we ask for volunteers will be X price. We'll have three opportunities for that passenger to volunteer. They've known the game. It's been happening for six months. No one's volunteering. So it's a random selection of 10 people that are going to be removed from the flight.

Board Member O'Neill: I think I saw it up to like \$1,600.00 was about the top they've had.

Mr. Florom: I think the highest I've seen is \$800.00.

Board Member Brown: And then they go to whoever bought the cheapest ticket.

Mr. Florom: It goes to who checked in the last is generally their selection. If you weren't checked in 24 hours before, you're probably going to get bumped.

Board Member O'Neill: Well, thanks for sharing all that.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-37: APPROVE STATE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT (SRE) BUILDING - FAA INELIGIBLE COSTS.

Motion by Brown, second by Quandt, authorizing Board Chair and Board Secretary to execute the state grant agreement for design & construction of snow removal equipment (SRE) building - FAA ineligible costs.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics agrees to reimburse the Hall County Airport Authority for ninety percent (90%) of the actual federally ineligible costs incurred to complete this development under FAA grant 3-31-0034-052/053/054/055; up to a maximum of \$250,000 in State funds.

Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 4 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Quandt.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-38: AUTHORIZE AIRPORT ATTORNEY RON DEPUE'S ATTENDANCE AT THE AIRPORT LAW WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 5-7, 2026 IN PHOENIX, AZ. THE HALL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY WILL PAY FOR HOTEL, TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION. MR. DEPUE WILL PAY FOR ALL MEALS AND ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES.

Motion by Brown, second by Quandt, authorizing airport attorney Ron Depue's attendance at the Airport Law Workshop on October 5-7, 2026 in Phoenix, AZ. The Hall County Airport

Authority will pay for hotel, travel and conference registration. Mr. DePue will pay for all meals and any additional expenses.

Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 4 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Quandt.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-39: AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED ADJUSTED RENTAL FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE STORAGE FACILITY UNITS AND OUTDOOR SPACES LOCATED AT 4046 N. ACADEMY ROAD, GRAND ISLAND, NE 68801.

Motion by Brown, second by Quandt, authorizing the Executive Director to implement the proposed adjusted rental fee structure for the Storage Facility Units and Outdoor Spaces located at 4046 N. Academy Road, Grand Island, NE 68801.

The newly proposed rates would go into effect July 1, 2026.

Proposed Fee Structure			
Unit Size	Number of Units	Current Monthly Rent	Proposed New Monthly Rent
5 X 10	35	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00
10 X 10	28	\$ 95.00	\$ 60.00
10 X 20	28	\$ 110.00	\$ 70.00
10 X 30	12	\$ 135.00	\$ 90.00
18 X 50	10	\$ 300.00	\$ 190.00
Outdoor Spaces			
Boat	20	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Small RV	20	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
Large RV	15	\$ 75.00	\$ 40.00
Semi-Trailer	15	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00

Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 4 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Quandt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.
- Chamber Annual Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2026.
- Budget Presentation: Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 1:35 p.m.
- HCAA Auction: Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
- Aviator Statue Dedication: Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Brown, second by Quandt, to go into Executive Session at 8:48 a.m. to discuss airline, lease, contract, and personnel negotiations. Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 4 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Quandt.

Motion by Quandt, second by Brown, to come out of Executive Session with no decisions being made and reconvening to Regular Session at 9:27 a.m. Upon roll call vote, the motion was adopted with 4 Aye votes: Brown, Werner, O'Neill, Quandt.

347 **ADJOURNMENT**

348 *Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.*

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350 HALL COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Maggie McDermott, Office Manager

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Ryan O'Neill, Board Chair

Tim Victor, Board Secretary/Treasurer

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