

# AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

March 10, 2026

3:00 P.M.

## Danville Regional Airport – Eastern Conference Room

The following were present for the Danville Regional Airport Commission meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

### Attendees:

Sid Allgood, Chairman	Fred Shanks	Marc Adelman, Director
Doug Appleton	Hampton Wilkins	Todd Pinekenstein, Trans. Bld.
Stephen Daniel	Travis Williams, Averett University	Grounds Superintendent
Phil Hall	Earl Reynolds, Deputy City Manager	Lisa Bivens, Trans. Senior
Gene Jackson	Alan Spencer, Deputy City Attorney	Admin. Assistant
Bob Jiranek		

Chairman Sid Allgood called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

### Approval of Agenda

Phil Hall made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 10, 2026, Airport Commission meeting. Gene Jackson seconded the motion; all members in attendance were in favor and the motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Jiranek and seconded by Stephen Daniel to approve the minutes of February 10, 2026, Airport Commission meeting as presented. All members in attendance were in favor and the motion passed.

### Public Comment

No public comments received.

### New Business

**Topic:** Update on the Status of Erosion Control Mitigation Project and Corporate Hangar Site Prep Construction Project.

**Action:** Todd Pinekenstein updated the Airport Commission regarding the status of the Erosion Control Mitigation and Obstruction Removal projects.

**Disposition:** The Erosion Control Mitigation project should be completed in April.

Todd Pinekenstein updated the Airport Commission regarding the Erosion Control Mitigation project. He identified that the pipe and structure installation work is 95% complete. There is some remaining work that includes pouring the concrete inverts and the pipe cradle in the dam area. Once the inverts and pipe cradle are poured the installation of the concrete and pipe work will be 100% complete. Once the area is backfilled it will be smoothed to contour, dressed, seeded and strawed.

**Topic: Update on the Status of Airport Projects (Continued)**

Todd Pinekenstein also updated the Airport Commission regarding the status of the Obstruction Removal project. He indicated the airport is currently waiting for the follow-up survey to be scheduled by the engineering firm. Hopefully, the survey will show that all the obstructions have been cleared.

**Topic: Update on the Corporate Hangar Site Prep Construction Project**

**Action:** Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission concerning the status of the Corporate Hangar Site Prep project.

**Disposition:** Paving work is expected to be completed during the Spring of 2026.

Marc Adelman said that Travis Williams provided a new aerial image of the site prep construction site. He mentioned that the image was used for the grant application that was submitted to Congressman McGuire's office for Community Project Funding program. The paving of both the aircraft parking ramp and automobile parking lot is expected to be completed this spring.

**Topic: Community Project Funding Earmark Grant – New Corporate Hangar**

**Action:** Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission concerning the status of the Community Project Funding Earmark Grant.

**Disposition:** The grant application is under review with Congressman McGuire's office.

Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission concerning the Community Project Funding request to assist with financing a corporate hangar that will be constructed adjacent to Taxiway H. Aisha Gwynn, Danville's Grant Administrator assisted with preparing the application. Additional information regarding the status of this grant request is identified below.

- Letters of support were received from Averett University, Danville Community College, Air Methods, Ben Davenport, Mayor Alonzo Jones, Councilman Danny Marshall.
- Community Project Funding Grant application was submitted on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A grant application was submitted to the FAA to complete Architectural and Civil Engineering Services to complete utility connections and design a 6400 square foot multiuse hangar.
- A virtual meeting was completed with Congressman McGuire's office to discuss the Community Project funding request. Staff indicated that the hangar project should support public use applications and indicated that air ambulance operations or aviation maintenance training activities would be eligible.
- Input was received from Air Methods concerning the preferred size of the hangar. The company indicated that 6,400 square feet would be preferred. Air Methods also indicated that they were planning to install utility connections to support construction requirements for a modular building.

Marc Adelman said that it is possible approval of the Community Project Funding Grant could occur by October 2026. He also mentioned that if the congressional budget process is delayed that it could push back the approval of the grant funding to the following year. Marc Adelman also updated the Airport Commission regarding the South Ramp Site Prep Construction project and clarified that the primary objectives include grading, drainage improvement and the completion of a 30-space parking lot and service road connections.

**Topic: Update on the Aviation Training Facility Building and Hangar Projects**

**Action:** Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission concerning the status of the Aviation Training Facility Building and Hangar projects.

**Disposition:** Construction work continues for the hangar and Aviation Training Facility building.

Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission regarding the status of the Aviation Training Facility. Specific information concerning the status of both projects is identified below.

**Hangar 300**

- The column footings are complete
- The hangar pad is being prepared (4" of gravel, vapor barrier, and rebar)
- Plan to pour concrete for hangar pad on March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Pre-engineered metal building materials have been delivered
- Stack door is scheduled to arrive by the end of March
- Floor track for the stack door is on site to be installed before the floor is poured
- Plan to erect steel for hangar on March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Hangar project is expected to be completed by October/November 2026

**Aviation Training Center Building**

- Structural metal is on site
- Footings are planned to begin on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Danville Utilities has removed the 3-phase transformer and the wiring for the primary conduit until it is determined where the conduit should be installed

Retainage for the site prep construction work will be released after the required pressure test of the sewer system is completed.

**Topic: Natchez, Mississippi – Additional Information**

**Action:** Airport staff obtained information concerning the steps pursued by Natchez, Mississippi to renew commercial air service.

**Disposition:** No additional information will be obtained

Marc Adelman provided additional information concerning Natchez, Mississippi, and their efforts to renew commercial air service. Marc Adelman said that he and Todd Pinekenstein completed a virtual meeting with the Air Service Consultant for the Natchez project, Jeremiah Gerald. The following information was provided to the Airport Commission.

- Essential Air Service Program funding is not available to new airports
- Commercial Air Service will start in July from Natchez to Houston and will involve one (1) flight per day using a 50-passenger regional jet
- \$1,000,000 in back up funding was needed to mitigate the risk and secure an airline
- \$750,000 in funding was received from the Small Community Air Service Development Grant, which is a one-time funding opportunity, but surplus funds can be carried forward
- Load factor requirement to be profitable is 66% or 33 passengers each one-way flight due to \$2,850 per hour block flight cost and planned air fare
- Flight time to Houston is approximately 43 minutes
- Round trip cost or 1.5 hours is \$4,275 per day or \$1,560,375 per year (one flight)
- Supplemental funding to offset possible risk in future years to be provided by other sources

**Topic: Airport 5k Race Update**

**Action:** Marc Adelman updated the Airport Commission on the upcoming 5k race that will begin and end at the airport.

**Disposition:** This race is scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Marc Adelman provided an update on the Goodyear Education 5k Run, which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, beginning at 9:00 am. The airport has completed planning meetings regarding the race with Cathy Gore of the United Way and Laura Singleton of Goodyear. The current plan is for the race to start and end at Hangar 100. It is estimated that the race will include 150 runner/walkers and the race path will involve traveling along Stinson Drive towards Anglers Park. Averett University has agreed to provide a free Discovery flight as a prize for race participants and will stage their aircraft along the terminal ramp during the race. Hangar 100 will be used for registration as well as for the reception after the race. Cars will enter at the Fire Station and park along the end of the crosswind runway. A NOTAM will be issued concerning the closure of Runway 13/31.

**Topic: FBO Management Update**

**Action:** Averett University staff updated members on recent FBO activities.

**Disposition:** AU Aviation Services will provide additional updates at the next meeting.

Travis Williams updated the Airport Commission concerning FBO activities. He indicated that Averett University will promote the Goodyear Education 5k Run on their social media accounts and try to get a couple of aircraft in the air during the event as well. He also informed the Airport Commission that due to the conflict in Iran, fuel prices went up \$1.15 per gallon. He indicated that their fuel provider believes the price will remain up for at least three weeks and then start to gradually come back down. Travis Williams said he anticipates it will take several months to get the prices back down to where they were prior to the recent increase.

It was also indicated that AU Aviation Services interviewed for a second full-time mechanic and they plan to complete one more interview. Travis Williams said that hopefully by the next Airport Commission meeting they will be able to announce that the second mechanic will be hired. He indicated that once the mechanic is up to speed with training they will be working on Saturdays, which will be a great addition to weekend coverage. In addition, Travis Williams said he went to GW High School last week and spoke to 13 of their students regarding aviation. Averett University will also be providing a Discovery Flight to ten students enrolled in Danville Public Schools' Aviation Science Program at cost to the FBO.

### **Communications**

Marc Adelman said that during the City Council work session on April 21<sup>st</sup> the airport has been allowed time on the agenda to update Council members on airport projects that are underway and projects expected to be completed within the next year and mentioned he hopes Airport Commission members will be able to attend.

Sid Allgood mentioned that Anne Moore Sparks and the Chamber are sponsoring the Airport Commission members to attend the Chamber's annual meeting this coming Thursday morning. He suggested that the members please thank Anne for this wonderful opportunity and informed members that if they would like to suggest ideas for the presentation to City Council during the April 21<sup>st</sup> work session to please inform Phil Hall.

### **Adjournment**

The Airport Commission meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.