

**Westmoreland County Airport Authority
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June 9, 2026**

Regular Meeting

The Regularly Scheduled June, 2026, meeting of the Westmoreland County Airport Authority was held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2026, in the Authority Conference Room at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Unity Township, Pennsylvania, in accordance with notice given.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Whittaker, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and directed that the following members be recorded as present:

Paul Whittaker - Chairman
Edward Kilkeary, Sr. - Secretary
Brian Sokol - Treasurer
Mark Gera
Donald Rossi
Edward Sobota
Deborah Irwin
Dale "Lee" Landis

Also present were: Executive Director Maurice Haas, Airport Manager Dylan Kovatch, Grants Director Dwayne Pickels, authority Solicitor Amber Leechalk, authority Engineer Raena Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson, reporters Rich Chlodofsky, Tribune-Review; Abigail Hakas, Latrobe Bulletin; Paul Gough of the Pittsburgh Business Times. Also in attendance were pilot Valetta Mowry, Anthony DeNunzio of DeNunzio's Italian Chophouse, John Mitchell and Antonia Battaglia-Ell of Preferred Casino Tours and Ray Haluska.

An executive session was called to discuss real estate and personnel matters at 9:01 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

Public Comments

Ray Haluska said "I just want to congratulate you guys for the great job you provided on the ground so that Spirit could continue to operate here. These things don't happen overnight but I'm hopeful that you'll bring a good service here again in the future with the track record you've shown with them. The staff here was always kind and I couldn't wait to get here to fly and go places."

Antonia Battaglia-ell and John Mitchell of Preferred Casino Tours expressed "We have been flying (gambling casino charter flights) out of here for over 30 years and you need to get TSA back in here or we'll go elsewhere," she said.

"We're not here for us, we're here for your customer base," Mitchell said. "If you guys can't get something done, they will not fly charters out of here."

"We've been trying," Mr. Haas said, nothing that he would discuss the issue further with the TSA's acting federal security director. "And we appreciate everything you've done for us over the years."

Approval of Minutes

Upon the motion of Mr. Sobota, seconded by Mr. Sokol, minutes of the May 12, 2026, regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport and Rostraver Treasurer's Reports -

Mr. Sokol reviewed treasurer reports for May, 2026 (attached).

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Upon the motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Kilkeary, the May, 2026, treasurer's report for Arnold Palmer Regional Airport was unanimously approved.

Upon the motion of Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Landis, the May, 2026, treasurer's report for Rostraver Airport was unanimously approved.

Rostraver Committee Report - Mr. Sokol gave an update on the Dunkin' project at Rostraver Airport. July 27, 2026 grand opening.

"The guys are keeping up with everything that's going on," he added. "I'm still trying to figure out how such a small crew keeps that place so neatly manicured, but they do."

Property Committee Report - Mr. Gera had no report.

Engineer's Update Report - by Mrs. Lindemuth of McFarland-Johnson

ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT

Relocate Taxiways D and E

This project was to remove and reconstruct two stub taxiways to meet current FAA safety guidance. Construction began in April, 2025, and is substantially complete. Final inspection was held on Nov. 20, 2025 with only lines and marking painting remaining to be completed. "We are on the home stretch," Mrs. Lindemuth said. "Hopefully, we will be done with it completely by the end of the month."

Terminal Addition & Improvements/Apron Equipment Storage Building Design

The Terminal Addition project is to design and bid an addition and improvements for the terminal. Construction of the first phase began in October, 2024, and is still underway, now slated for completion in early August, 2026.

All Phase II agreements have been executed and work is anticipated to start July 1, 2026, "but we will be in two different parts of the building," Lindemuth said.

The refurbished passenger boarding bridge will be re-installed beginning June 8.

Phase III bid package was advertised on March 30. Bids were received May 21, 2026, with the following low bidders:

General - ABS Building Systems, LLC - \$1,044,568
Electrical - Westmoreland Electrical Services, LLC - \$102,500
Plumbing - Wheels Mechanical Contracting and Supplier Inc. - \$212,800
HVAC - Hranec Sheet Metal, Inc. - \$44,700

Grant application has been submitted to FAA. The engineer recommends awarding contract to the above listed contractors, contingent upon receipt of a grant offer.

Upon the motion of Mr. Kilkeary, seconded by Mr. Gera, contracts were unanimously approved for award as listed above, contingent upon receipt of grant offer.

The flat roof replacement project is now complete, Mrs. Lindemuth added.

Snow removal Vehicle and Equipment

This project was to acquire a 20 ft. broom, carrier vehicle, and equipment for snow removal through the Costars program using a BIL grant from the FAA to replace an existing obsolete vehicle. The vehicle was delivered on May 30, 2024. A final inspection was held with FAA on June 27, 2024 and the punch list items have been addressed. It was determined that a dump hood is needed for the broom. A quote from M-B Companies, Inc. was received for \$24,561.04 and approved by FAA. The hood was delivered, Lindemuth reported. A grant closeout has been submitted to FAA.

ARFF Vehicle and Equipment

This project is to acquire a new B-IV Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting vehicle and equipment. The existing vehicle was acquired in 2010 and is deemed obsolete by NFPA and FAA Part 139. Bids were opened on April 17, 2025, for a new vehicle and replacement equipment. A grant has been offered by FAA and accepted. The agreement been executed with the supplier (Oshkosh) and a preconstruction meeting was held on Oct. 9, 2025. No responsive bids were received for the ARFF equipment. The engineer has identified a potential vendor to purchase all equipment through Costars contract. Truck remains in production.

GA Corporate Hangar Entrance

This project would include access and parking improvements to the corporate hangar area. Preliminary plans and renderings have been prepared and funding is being sought. Due to compliance issues with TSA, it was proposed to move forward with modifications recommended by the Engineer with authority funds to improve security and safety, and seek reimbursement of those costs when the larger project is funded.

ROSTRAVER AIRPORT:

Rehabilitate GA Taxiways

The project is to rehabilitate taxiway pavement near the T-hangars. A pre-design meeting was held in February with FAA and BOA. Bids for the project were advertised on March 30. A grant offer from FAA has been received for the project.

Promotions/PR/Events Committee report: None

REQUISITIONS - Mr. Pickels reviewed the list of requisitions for May, 2026 (attached).

Upon the motion of Mr. Landis, seconded by Mr. Sokol, requisitions for May, 2026, were unanimously approved as presented.

Solicitor's Report -

Ms. Leechalk's presented three 20-year leases for T-Hangars at Rostraver Airport (B-6, D-6 and E-3).

Upon the motion of Mr. Sobota, seconded by Mr. Landis, approval of the leases was granted unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Haas reported that work on the terminal is progressing.

He also reported that the FAA will conduct its annual Part 39 airport inspection later this month June 23-26). "The guys are doing a good job on keeping up with this," he said.

PennDOT Bureau of Aviation BOA has sent out a study on hangar and pavement conditions, he added.

Landing fees collection have been increasing since switching to Vector, Mr. Haas said.

Chairman's Report - Mr. Whittaker reported: "We're working on trying to put things back together," he report. "A little patience, and everything should be good here, shortly."

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the authority will be held **Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9 a.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Dwayne Pickels, Grants Director