LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA AIRPORT AUTHORITY
AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Vice Chair, Clay Zelbst. The agenda along with the time and place of the meeting was posted in accordance with State Law.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clay Zelbst
George Gill
Mark Henry
Nate Slate
Dustin Hilliary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Allan Hampton
Clarence Fortney
Jennifer Ellis
Matt Tranquill

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT:

Barbara McNally, Airport Director
Blake Dutcher, Airport Attorney
Sprague Traveau, Ft. Sill Transportation
Pat Hurley, Executive Asst.
Chris Palacio, Ft Sill ARAC

The roll call confirmed that a quorum was present.

1. REPORTS FROM AIRPORT BUSINESSES

A. American Eagle (Michelle Ward, GM) – Not present.
B. Fort Sill Transportation (Mr. Sprague) - No report given.
C. Ft. Sill ARAC - (Chris Palacio) - No report given.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Members may request items be removed from the consent agenda for separate action:

A. Minutes - Approval of the minutes of August 21, 2026, regular meeting.
B. Financial Report - Director Financial Report, Purchase Orders, Accountant's Financial Statement and Bank Statements.

MOTION BY Henry, SECOND By Slate, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
AYES: Zelbst, Gill, Henry, Hilliary, Slate
NAYES: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Barbara McNally) – McNally reported that the Rubber removal and Runway Marking Project have begun and is expected to take 14 days. She encouraged pilots to check NOTAMs daily during this time.

McNally also reported that there will be a Sun Country gambling charter this week. McNally said the airport staff acts as the Sun Country employees, ticketing, and tagging bags. These charters make the airport between $6,000.00 – 7,000.00 per flight.

McNally also reported that the FAA has finally approved and released a 4.98-million-dollar reimbursement grant that will be applied to the revenue bond debt.

4. LEASING COMMITTEE (Clarence Fortney, Committee Chair)

A. Aerospace Next

Gill expressed reservations about entering into a lease under the terms currently proposed. He encouraged the committee to conduct thorough due diligence on the company before making any recommendation and suggested contacting the Wichita Falls airport administration for a reference.

Zelbst asked what Aerospace Next does and who they are. McNally explained that the owner is Martin Bohn, formerly associated with Cobra Kai at Kickapoo Airport in Wichita Falls. She added that she believes his business partner is Jake Sharp, a name the board may recognize from recent litigation.

McNally also noted that the Board recently approved the updated Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities, which both the airport and Aerospace Next will be required to follow.

Henry reminded the Board that it has been a considerable period since the building last had a paying tenant, and two recent prospects fell through. He stated that the prospective tenant has outgrown the facilities at Kickapoo and needs additional space to support his expanding business. Henry said the company intends to make a move soon and is willing to invest in improvements to the building. He added that Bohn plans to conduct a walk-through this week with any committee members who can attend, and if Bohn remains interested, the Board should give the request serious consideration. Henry noted that the competing offer was a short-term lease for Fire Hawk storage.

McNally clarified that the Fire Hawk request is no longer viable because they required 10,000 sq. ft. immediately, and no combination of existing facilities—other than Hangar 5—could meet that need.

The request was referred to the Leasing Committee, and a recommendation will be brought back to the Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Clay Zelbst, Vice Chairperson)

A. New Business (defined in 25 O.S. § 311(A)(10) as "Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of the posting".)

B. Audience Participation. Comments from the public concerning items on the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

for Clay Zelbst

Clay Zelbst, Vice Chairman