

**AT A MEETING OF THE HUMMEL FIELD AIRPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025, AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL**

TOPPING, VIRGINIA

Present: Don Chapman, At Large
Maribeth Culbertson, At Large
Janice Moore At Large
Chris Moffatt, At Large
Jamie Barnhardt, At Large
Jay Rovniak, At Large

Absent:
Eric Deagle, At Large

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Barnhardt took the following roll call: Mr. Chapman– Present; Mrs. Culbertson– Present; Ms. Moore– Present; Mr. Moffatt– Present; Mr. Rovniak– Present; Chairman Barnhardt– Present; Mr. Deagle– Absent. There was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2025, MINUTES

Ms. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2025, which was seconded by Mr. Moffatt. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Barnhardt opened public comments at 6:01 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Chairman Barnhardt closed public comments at 6:02 p.m.

REPORT OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Status Report of Hummel Field's Anniversary and New Terminal Grand Opening:

There was some discussion about potentially combining the grand opening ceremony and the Hummel Field 85th anniversary celebrations, as to generate the most possible attendance for both events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Replacement Terminal Building Status– Update from Mr. Oscar Barber

Mr. Oscar Barber reported that it has been nearly two years since he initially submitted a proposal for the replacement of the terminal building. After overcoming engineering problems and Department of Environmental Quality hurdles, he has since obtained DEQ approval. The project is currently at the county level in the permitting stage. He mentioned that there is a lot of paperwork involved, and it may take some time to receive the required permits. He is working to resolve some of the issues that have been brought forward with the Board of Supervisors

Update on VA Dept of Transportation Marketing Grant for Hummel Field

Chairman Barnhardt provided an update on the marketing film funded by the \$10,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation, which Whitney Law has been working on. He stated that the video was filmed, in which Mr. Barber's grandson participated as the subject. Chairman Barnhardt stated that the video would be sent to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, where they will be able to target tourism markets in Maryland.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Introduction – Jay Rovniak

The committee welcomed newly appointed member, Mr. Jay Rovniak, as long-time member Mr. Les Hockman has officially resigned. Mr. Rovniak introduced himself and expressed a passion for aviation and a desire to contribute to the community in this way, and was enthusiastic about his involvement.

Terminal Building Furniture Purchase

Airport Manager Richard Lewis was informed that the Department of Aviation will cover 90% furniture costs for the new 4,000-square-foot terminal, based on an allocation of \$10,000 per 1,000 square feet, totaling \$40,000. Mr. Lewis asked that the committee form a subcommittee to assist in selecting furniture to ensure that the choices made will be the most advantageous in terms of longevity. Mrs. Culbertson, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Rovniak all volunteered to be members of the subcommittee.

Virginia Aviation Conference Representation

Chairman Barnhardt stated that he, Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Moore will be attending the annual Virginia Aviation Conference at Hotel Roanoke during the month of August. He explained that this networking event is crucial, as 60% of the Department of Aviation's project funding is allocated during their board meetings. He elaborated that the conference will provide an opportunity to build personal relationships with engineers, funding partners, and other aviation professionals beyond typical phone interactions. There was some discussion regarding using the conference as an opportunity to gather ideas about pilot lounges and terminal facilities from other airport representatives.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Barnhardt opened public comments at 6:51 p.m.

James Summer, a community pilot and aircraft owner, recommended that the Committee consider having a pilot on the subcommittee regarding furniture choices for the new terminal, to ascertain what kinds of things they might like to see in a pilot's lounge, and what could be useful.

Chairman Barnhardt closed public comments at 6:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Moore made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Next regular Meeting September 22nd, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jamie Barnhardt

Airport Committee Chairman