

**CITY OF ABILENE
AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
Abilene Public Library
209 NW 4th St. Abilene, KS 67410**

Members Present: Jim Price (Chair), Jeremy Gorman (Member), Bruce Youtsey (Member), James Ferguson (Member)

Members Absent: Jim Curtis (ex-officio, Airport Manager), Rebecca Perkins (Member)

Others Present: None

Staff Present: Finance Director Kelsey Briand

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chair, Jim Price.

Approval of Agenda

Jeremy Gorman moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bruce Youtsey. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2026

Bruce Youtsey moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jeremy Gorman. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Business

Financial Report – January

The board discussed the financial statement for January provided by staff. Questions regarding certain purchases and whether they were monthly, annual, or one-time purchases. Staff will add an additional note to each purchase line notating this moving forward. The internet costs at the Airport were discussed in length. Staff relayed feedback from the previous questions the board had regarding the following: Insurance Proceeds - There is no formal policy or memorandum noting a separate fund would be created for the insurance proceeds. \$60k of tree removal not directly required by the FAA – The city manager at the time made this decision and cannot be reversed. City staff are still working through the legalities of the water well/lease agreement. Staff will report back when a definitive answer has been received.

Airport Improvement Plan

Airport Improvement Plan was submitted to the FAA on January 21, 2026. The board requested a copy of what was submitted. Staff will send this out.

Hangar Discussion/Updates

The board discussed the hangars. Staff informed the board that once 90% design plan was received from Olsson and will be presented to the City Commission on February 9, 2026. Board members are encouraged to attend if they would like. The current plan is to put out for bids in Spring 2026.

Election of Officers:

This item is tabled until the next meeting, to allow more board members to be present.

Adjournment

Bruce Youtsey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Gorman. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Minutes Approved,



James A. Reed
Airport Advisory Board

Attest:



Kelsey Briand
Finance Director