

Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Monday, June 23, 2025)

Generated by Allison Swint on Monday, June 23, 2025

Members present

Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr, Charles Stickney, Matthew DiMarco, Douglas B Dickens, Paul Teas

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Information: 1. Chairman Report

George Hill to potentially return August meeting.

Safety Meeting - post meeting to potentially review removal language of Pax Rwy14 "In Use". Discussed adding visual to fuel farm for transient pilots, unfamiliar with military flight pattern.

Information: 2. DPW&T Report

AWOS delivered, awaiting FAA documents to start installation

Rwy extension contractors no more, displace threshold on 7/24 for approximately 3 weeks to reopen at new length.

RoboNation competition here this week

Information: 3. FBO Report

Fuel prices down

Information: 4. Pax Air Ops Report

Discussion about aircraft departing 2W6 with 1800' ceilings, departed to the north with military aircraft on 14 final.

Information: 5. DED AeroPark Update

Close to finishing pergola (with furniture in August).

D. OLD BUSINESS

Action, Minutes: 1. Approve April 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes & Action Items

Motion to approve the April 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes & Action Items

Motion by Adam Osborne Jr, second by Paul Teas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr, Charles Stickney, Matthew DiMarco, Douglas B Dickens, Paul Teas

E. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: 1. Review/Update Action Item list

Remove "Letter to Commissioners"

Taxiway lights repaired.

Discussion: 2. Discuss wording for modified message for AWOS after 14 May safety meeting

Remove "Rwy 14 In Use"

Post flyer at fuel pumps for transient pilot information

Information: 3. Next business meeting August 25, 2025 at 6PM

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

G. ADJOURN

Action: 1. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:39PM

Motion by Charles Stickney, second by Adam Osborne Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Sam Hughes, Adam Osborne Jr, Charles Stickney, Matthew DiMarco, Douglas B Dickens, Paul Teas

In Person Meeting at Regional Airport Terminal

Airport Advisory Board

Minutes –06/23/2025

Meeting Started: 6:06 PM

Roll Call: (* Attended)

Board Members:

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary				
Hill	*Stickney	*Dimarco	*Babcock	Fuller	*Osborne	*Teas

County Staff

DPW&T	DPW&T	DED
*Swint	Whipple	*Stormont

Others

*Reed – SM Structures	*Tim Wilson — Ready 9	*Dickens – NTWL Safety	Weaver - - FBO	*Tony Capozzi	*John Schultz
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Chairman's Remarks:

- Chuck Stickney, standing in for George Hill who could not make the meeting, inquired about the 15 May safety meeting and discontinuation of the RoboNation UAS competition after his year's competition (the UAS competition was ongoing during the meeting). Discussion points on these topics are in new business and Department of Economic Development updates, respectively.

DPWT Report:

Allison Swint gave an update on the following items:

Runway and taxiway extension project: St. Mary's County and the pavement contractor have parted ways. County is lining up previous subcontractors with contract approval request before the Commissioners meeting on 03 July. Current plan is to displace threshold on 24 July with work to finish approximately three weeks later.

New Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) equipment installation: New AWOS system has been delivered. Approval paperwork with FAA is in work. Tentative operational date is end of July.

Taxiway light electrical regulator: New regulator is in place, taxiway lights are operable and NOTAM has been removed.

UAS Competition: The RoboNation UAS competition will no longer take place at St. Mary's County airport due to disruption of airport operations. RoboNation is being encouraged to find other locations within St. Mary's County for the visibility the competition brings to the county and its aerospace industry.

Airport operation subscription service is now in operation. This service will give an exact count of all airport operations.

Bob Zaorski has resigned from the board.

FBO Report:

Ken Reed still attempting to compel Verizon and others to expand airport cell coverage.

Pax Air Ops Report:

LCDR Hughes sent another US Navy air traffic controller to represent Pax ATC. There was another incident of traffic from 2W6 coming close to US Navy traffic on approach to NAS Pax runway 14.

Department of Economic Development: Katherine Stormont noted the department is close to finishing the pergola in front of the terminal with plantings. Potentially, there are more events which can utilize this area such as Taste of St. Mary's which can bring more interest to the airport by bringing people onto the airport campus.

Old Business: April AAB meeting minutes were sent to all members in advance of meeting. No comments on the minutes by any member. Osborne made motion to approve as submitted. Teas seconded. All in favor.

Action item review:

No separate review was made of action items other than related updates from above.

New Business:

Following the 15 May safety meeting and upon further discussion it was decided to remove the verbiage “when Pax Rwy 14 in use” from the AWOS and A/FD from the caution about avoiding the NAS Patuxent River runway 14 approach corridor between 1,000 and 3,000 ft. Additionally, Doug Dickens from NTWL generated advisory posters showing a map of this potential conflict area which will be posted at the fuel pump, inside the terminal and at Piedmont Flight Center.

Next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, 25 Aug at the Duke Terminal, St. Mary's County airport.

Public Comments: None

Request to Adjourn motion made by Stickney, seconded by Osborne. Meeting adjourned.