24 AUG 2026 AAB Meeting Minutes

Attendance:
AAB Members
-Chair = Chuck Stickney - PRESENT
-Vice Chair = Don Sheehan - PRESENT
-Secretary = Adam Osborne - PRESENT
-Member = Matt DiMarco
-Member = Paul Teas - PRESENT
-Member = George Hill - PRESENT
-Member = Chris "Fuji" Fuller - PRESENT
-Josh Shrum alternate member - PRESENT

Adhoc
-Doug Dickens, Naval Test Wing Atlantic Safety
-Kristy Lescrynski and Cody Mapp, NAS Pax ATC

County Government Members
-John Norris, III
-Allison Swint
-Gary Whipple

Commissioner:
Scott R. Ostrow

Public
-David Stanton
-Ken Reed
-Pat Weaver
-Tim Wilson

Call to order: Time: 1800
Determination of Quorum: Established

Chairman Comments:
None

DPWT Report:
-Construction update.
-Flight Check PAPI, fourth light is out, need land survey to find out reason and way ahead.
-FAA review of the runway for "as built" was completed and submitted for review on 03 August. FAA Flight Procedures office has acknowledged receipt and plans a 15

October review date. Notification of when the new approaches will be designed and published to follow.
-Pavement markings are now complete for runway 29, taxiway, and runway extension.
-FAA approved the Environmental Documents for runway improvements.

-Airport Consultant & Master Plan Status

- Consultant Services Contract: County must renew the Airport Consultant Services contract for a 5-year term prior to negotiating fees for upcoming runway improvements and securing FAA grant funding.
- Airport Master Plan: Grant application has been submitted. The consultant team will present a proposal to the Airport Advisory Board (AAB) detailing the execution strategy for the Master Plan.

Runway Improvement & Construction Grants ($12M Estimated)

- Grant Funding Timeline:
    - Planned Construction Grants fall under Federal FY29 and FY31.
    - The FAA may issue a single consolidated grant rather than multiple awards; however, spending the full $12M allocation under one grant remains under evaluation.
    - Note: FAA grants expire 4 years from the date of award.
- Runway Closure & Execution:
    - Duration: Closure length is to be determined, but anticipated to last several months.
    - Night / Accelerated Operations: Discussion ongoing regarding 18-hour workdays or night shifts to minimize operational downtime. Because 2W6 hosts aircraft supporting Navy Range Operations, night work authorization is highly plausible.
    - Scope Expansion: Potential inclusion of drainage upgrades or other sub-surface improvements while the runway is closed to minimize future disruptions.

-DPW&T has a new project manager onboard who will manage airport projects.

FBO Report:
-Taste of ST Mary's is September 19th. Pilots will be able to get "in and out" without conflict, looking for volunteers.

Pax Air Ops.
- No issues during the Airshow. ATC reps there appears to be less conflicts with Pax runway 14 operations. There was a discussion if we can obtain the "Course Rules" brief to put it on a website. Forwarding request to LT. Mantillapena.

-There was a discussion if there has ever been a problem with someone violating the airspace when the TRITON UAV from Pax is operational and having a NOTAM closing the airspace. Only one incident could be recalled.

Old Business:
-June Minutes -Chuck motion, Don second. All in favor.
-Airport Fees associated with airport rules and regulations review - Public Hearing for Budget (March / May) or independently with a Public Hearing.
-Chuck had previously sent a proposed letter to the commissioners recommending the county build and maintain a public facing airport website for the purposes of promoting the airport, surrounding community, economic opportunities as well as providing up to date and important airport information for the aviation community. Motion to forward the letter to the commissioners was made by Adam, seconded by Don and all approved.

New Business: None

Next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, 28 September at the Duke Terminal, St. Mary's County airport

Public Comments:

-QUESTION: Constraints on patterns, high performance aircraft, low performance aircraft, some aircraft making midfield approaches, so "What's the right altitude?" Discussion ensued.
-Public Safety Briefing / Course Rules for 2W6. What do we got to do to get this out on FAA websites, the Wings, FAAst Teams, etc. Allison explained what happened and how to fix it. Discussion for two safety events per year?
-This is a very challenging airport with the Restricted airspace, airborne cables, etc. and we haven't had very many problems. Lots of thanks to ATC division.

Request to adjourn
Adam / George. All in favor. Time: 18:55