

**ROSECRANS MEMORIAL AIRPORT, AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2025– 12:00 PM  
NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL CONFERENCE ROOM**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>End of Term</u>
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mo Air National Guard	Pleasure of the Guard
	James Crenshaw	August 29, 2026
	Bruce Crum	March 4, 2029
	Michael Korte, Vice-Chair	June 01, 2026
	Chad Welch, Chair	April 10, 2027
	Derek Vreeland	April 20, 2028
	Marcus Tyrrell	February 5, 2029
	Kevin Haywood	August 21, 2028
<b>CITY STAFF:</b>	Julius Rice, Airport General Manager	
	Chris Cordonnier, Airport Operations Manager	
	Roxanne Patton, Airport Recording Administrator	
	Amy Cohorst,	
	Laurie Thompson	
<b>GUESTS:</b>	John Cox	
	Gary Patterson	
	George Nicholas	

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CITY CLERK

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Aviation Board called to order 12:00 pm.

**WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS / OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**ITEM #1 – Approval of minutes**

A correction will be made to the term year for Member Tyrrell. Motion made and seconded to accept the March 20, 2025 minutes. Minutes approved as transcribed in the office of the Airport General Manager by the Administrative Assistant.

**ITEM #2 – Airport Business**

Runway 17/35 Project: Runway is open; however, the contract is not closed due to a final punch list. Signage and debris remain to be completed.

Aviation Complex

The Terminal Building is now substantially complete. The handrail installation is scheduled for June, and preparations are underway to relocate the memorial rock to the front flower bed of the new terminal this month. The Diner officially opened in April.

Air Traffic Control Tower (ATC): Tower floors are being poured, with completion of the new Tower estimated by the end of 2025 or early 2026 before becoming fully operational.

Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building: Funding for the SRE project remains uncertain as final equipment costs for the ATCT have yet to be determined. Once the ATCT is complete, the remaining available funds will be assessed, along with the additional funding required to fully complete the SRE.

Fuel Farm: The Guard has mandated the relocation of fuel storage facilities from the northern property due to environmental concerns. The new site will be south near the pump house. A \$2 million grant has been approved by the State, and additional funding sources are being sought to complete the project.

New Project: The city is utilizing expiring entitlement funds to design the phased reconstruction of the general aviation apron. As part of the plan, potential MCCA funding with the 139th AW is being considered to support the extension of a 75-foot taxi path from Taxiway A3 to the military apron, ensuring accommodation for military aircraft requiring taxiways wider than 50 feet.

### **ITEM #3 – Military Updates**

Wyoming Air National Guard was chosen for the latest round for C-130 J-Models.

### **ITEM #4 – Action Items**

No action items discussed.

### **ITEM #5 – Board Business**

Aviation Board: Discussion was held regarding attendance at the last two board meetings, which were "off schedule" due to external factors. Member Korte made a motion to ensure that absences from those meetings would not be viewed negatively. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mondays would better align with Airport Administration's workflow; however, after discussion, meetings will remain on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. as previously voted. While this decision maintains consistency for planning purposes, it was noted that the same consistency would apply if meetings were shifted to Mondays in the future.

### **ITEM #6 - Airport Tenants/Organization Activities**

Hangars: Hangars are at full capacity and a waiting list is currently on file. Additional hangars have always been a subject of discussion. Open hangars (T-shades) is a consideration and the Airport Manager, Julius Rice, will explore this option for future development.

Express Flight (FBO): City Management has rejected all bids and has put the FBO contract back out for re-bid, rendering prior recommendations moot. Final decisions remain under the City's authority, with the Aviation Advisory Board serving solely in an advisory capacity.

Member Korte expressed opposition to changing FBO operators, citing Express Flight, Inc.'s long service history. Chairman Chad Welch then attempted to make a motion to extend Express Flight, Inc.'s lease by 5-years, at which point Julius informed the board of the rejected bids and reminded members that their role is to provide recommendations to the City and Council, not to make contractual decisions. Member Crenshaw further opposed the motion, noting that the board had not been given access to review all proposals, limiting its ability to make an informed comparison or any decision in the first place.

Member Haywood, who had participated in the first round of interviews, shared his personal assessment of the candidates. However, as City Management has rejected all bids, any previous evaluations are no longer relevant to the selection process. Member Welch stated he would follow up with Councilmember Trout.

Guest John Cox asked if the city is looking for a Request for Proposals or Requests for Qualification. Cost is a factor as well as qualifications.

EAA Chapter: The local EAA Chapter Young Eagles rally will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning 8:00 a.m. with four aircraft available.

Aircraft Owners Pilots Association (AOPA): The AOPA continues to support general aviation networks.

MOKAN Muti-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee: Julius, Airport General Manager, has been chosen as the Chairman of this committee. Unfunded projects are main discussions for the region to submit to MoDOT. Multiple Rosecrans projects were added to the unfunded list.

241<sup>st</sup> Airport Operations Board (AOB): Meetings continue to be held at the Guard's facility, nothing significant to report from the most recent meeting.

Air Traffic Control Tower hours: Discussion was had on the new ATCT hours. General consensus was pleasure with the extended night hours on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

MoSAC/MAMA Conferences: Julius attended the spring conference. He was nominated and elected to Co-Chair for MoSAC and is on the MAMA Board of Directors for District One (NWMO). The next conference will be held in August.

DC Fly-in: The Community Alliance DC Fly-In was a good event. Several meetings with elected officials at the federal level helped as well as meetings with ANG senior leadership.

Law Enforcement Academy EVOC: MWSU contacted the Airport asking to use the southwest end of the abandoned Runway 22/04 for their Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC). This is becoming a reoccurring event and may also lead to SJPD using the area for their driver training as well.

BeechNutz: The BeechNutz Flying group held their spring event May 1-5, 2025. They will also return in the fall. They arrive at Rosecrans twice per year for clinics and flying.

STOL Event: Rosecrans will host the Pony Express STOL (Short Takeoff and Landing) event on May 16-17, 2025, as part of the National STOL championship series. Competitor and volunteer check-in will take place on Thursday, followed by competitor practice on Friday. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, with the competition beginning at 10:00 a.m. The event is expected to attract up to 3,000 attendees, with an estimated 500,000 viewers tuning in via online livestream. Competitions will be held outside designated runway safety areas, in front of the aircraft apron alongside Taxiway A, with at least 30 competitors expected to participate. Food trucks will be on-site, and the terminal diner will provide full service throughout the event.

A 10-ton roller was provided as part of an in-kind sponsorship to smooth the grass area between Taxiways C1 and C3. The Airport Administration will publish a NOTAM for the closure of Taxiway A between C1 and C3 during setup and the event. Transient parking will be located in front of the ATCT, and the crowd area will be situated on the northern portion of the general aviation ramp.

#### **ITEM #7 - Capital Improvement Program**

The airport will be using CIP funds for several purchases in FY26. A new FBO gate is among those purchases to replace the now defunct gate. Additional purchases are equipment upgrades in the form of Bobcat attachments and a new snow-plow for the airport 1-ton pickup.

**ITEM #8 - Information Items**

Chairman Welch said he is working with Ideker batch plant for the runway project at Cameron Airport (KEZZ). Final grade will be finished this week with a final pour next week.

**ITEM #9 – Public Comment**

Lt Col Kerns said Friday at 1400L the Guard will have their approach flying.

**ITEM #10 - Adjourn**

With no other business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 1:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

/s/ Roxanne Patton, Administrative Assistant  
Rosecrans Memorial Airport