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# Ocala

## Airport Advisory Board Minutes

**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**1. Invocation**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

**Present** Thomas Smallen, Kevin Reed, Terry Crawford, H. Randolph Klein,  
and Tod Wojciechowski

**4. Elections**

4a. Chairman, Vice Chairman

Motion to nominate Mr. Smallen as Chairman approved by Mr. Klein. Seconded by Mr. Crawford. All in favor.

Motion to nominate Mr. Klein as Vice Chairman approved by Mr. Smallen. Seconded by Mr. Reed. All in favor.

**5. Consideration of Minutes**

5a. February 2026

Minutes were approved by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Smallen. All in favor.

**6. Unfinished Business**

6a. Florida Jobs Growth Grant

The Airport is currently drafting a major application for the Florida Job Growth Grant to fund the Taxiway Charlie Project, which encompasses the full lane of the taxiway and all associated pavements. This comprehensive grant would provide the necessary funding for the entire scope of the project. Although the application process is extensive, the State has not established a firm deadline for submission, allowing the Airport to ensure all details are fully addressed.

6b. DOT Build Grant

The Airport recently submitted an application for the FDOT BUILD Grant to fund the

Landslide Development Project, which is designed to stimulate regional job growth and development. If awarded, the grant will finance critical infrastructure improvements, including parking lot upgrades, utility installations, and apron enhancements. The Airport expects to receive a formal response regarding the funding status from FDOT in June.

## **7. New Business**

### **7a. Revised AAB Meeting Location**

The Airport has received a request to relocate the next Board meeting to City Hall, though it will be scheduled for the Second Tuesday of the month. To accommodate this move, the Board has been asked to select a new start time from the following options: 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, or 4:30 PM. Additionally, the Airport will be utilizing new IT infrastructure in the City Hall space to provide the public with the option to either participate virtually or watch the proceedings via a live stream.

The Board favored an 8:00 AM meeting start time.

### **7b. RLR (Red Rover) Ground Lease Amendment**

RLR (Red Rover), a major airport tenant holding three long-term ground leases, has requested a lease amendment to align the expiration dates of all three hangars. Following significant capital improvements in 2014 and 2024-including the installation of hydraulic tilting doors-the proposed amendment extends the current lease term from September 30, 2029, to December 27, 2050. While the monthly rent remains \$745.24 through 2026, the amendment updates the escalation clause from a CPI-based adjustment to a fixed 3% annual increase. Additionally, the rate will adjust to the current market standard of \$1,168.86 per month effective September 30, 2029. Staff recommends the Board approve the amendment.

Mr. Smallen recused himself.

Motion to approve the proposed ground lease amendment by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Crawford. All in favor.

### **7c. CEP Air Service Efforts**

The Ocala Metro Chamber & Economic Partnership (CEP) is aiming to secure all three scopes of work and will subsequently present a recommendation to the Board.

## **8. Airport Director's Report**

### **8a. MALSR/RPZ RY36 grading- design**

The MALSR/RPZ RY36 Grading Project is in the design phase.

### **8b. Terminal apron rehab- construction April 2026**

The Terminal Apron Rehab Projects estimated construction completion timeframe is April 2026. The contractor is onsite working with the Airport's consultant.

### **8c. Masterplan**

The Airport will be presenting a draft of the Masterplan in April.

8d. A9 ITN- lease

The Airport is drafting the lease agreement for the A9 ITN.

8e. A9 driveway- design review

The A9 Driveway Project is at 60% design review.

8f. T-hangar campus rehabilitation- design review

The T-hangar Campus Rehabilitation Project is close to 100% complete for design review.

8g. A12 infrastructure- design review

The A12 Infrastructure Project is close to 100% complete for design review.

8h. Concrete pads- design review

The Concrete Pads Project is close to 100% complete for design review.

8i. TWY-C Phase I- design review

The TWY-C Phase I Project's categorical exclusion is being reviewed by the FAA.

8j. Fuel and Ops

Fuel sales for February 2026: AvGas Fuel 21,450 gallons, Jet Fuel 140,323 gallons, Total gallons of fuel 161,773, and YTD gallons of fuel 322,746.

The Airport Operations for February 2026: -4% down compared to year 2025, -11% down compared to year 2024, and 13% over year 2023.

Operations 8,004, IFR Itinerant 2,465, VFR Itinerant 3,425, and Total Local 1,286.

The Airport has launched two new initiatives: the RY18/36 Edge Repair and an Airfield Paint Project, which includes edge and centerline markings, enhanced centerlines, hold bars, and surface-painted signs. Staff are currently seeking grant funding to fully cover the costs of these projects.

8k. 5k & Air Show Updates

The past 5k run had 210 people in attendance; and the Air Show contract will be considered at the next City Council meeting.

**9. Persons Wishing to Appear**

**10. Persons Wishing to Appear Who Are Not on the Agenda**

To promote a more orderly flow of business, the Board will limit presentations to three minutes unless additional time has been reserved prior to issuance of the agenda, through the Airport Director's Office.

Mr. Klein announced that this would be Tod's final meeting.

**11. Comments by Individual Board Members**

Mr. Smallen noted that the management company overseeing the Ocala Air Show is the same group organizing the event in Rome, Georgia.

**12. Comments by Others**

**13. Adjournment**

Mr. Klein made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Crawford. All in favor.