
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026 - 5:00 PM - Airport Conference Room

In attendance were board members, participants and guests as listed on the attached attendance sheet.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Locke called meeting to order at 5:00 PM; a quorum was confirmed as per the attached sign-in sheet.
2. **Invocation:** Danny Exum
3. **Review of Agenda:** Approved as submitted.
4. **Review and approval of Finance Committee Minutes:** The Finance Committee Minutes and their recommendations were approved by unanimous vote. Brooks moved, and Statham seconded that we adjust upward our FY 2026 Budget as follows: Advertising from \$2000 to \$3000; General Promotion and Marketing from \$600 to \$1500; as well as our FY2027 Budget Annual Audit to \$22,000. Motion carried unanimously. (Also see "Old Business" item A below for additional action item.)
5. **Review and Comment of Vision 2028 Committee Meeting Minutes:** The September 1 meeting was discussed, in which guest Jennifer Conoley recommended we discuss a Florida Department of Commerce Rural Infrastructure Fund grant (regarding our need to build a hangar for new tenant Enterprise Rescue, Inc.). To follow up, AVCON and the board are seeking a meeting with Florida Department of Commerce Director Cristin Beshears. (Also see the top of page two of the AVCON notes, enclosed.)
6. **Consent Agenda** items were, as previously determined by procedure, approved as submitted:
 - a. Last month's regular meeting minutes
 - b. Treasurer's full report – See attached report
 - c. Grant Activity Report – See attached report
7. **Audience wishing to speak:** None.
8. **AVCON Report:** AVCON Vice-President Lee Lewis led the discussion based upon the enclosed written report, and items were discussed as per the report. There was also a discussion regarding the Vision 2028 meeting and the Florida Department of Commerce's Rural Initiatives Grant program. Brenda Wilson noted an incorrect amount listed on the report, which the Secretary corrected in the enclosed.
9. **Airport Manager Report (enclosed):** Accepted with routine discussion.
10. **Community Outreach Report:** None beyond previous Vision 2028 discussions.
11. **Airport Profit Report:** No report or discussion due to the treasurer's absence.
12. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Audit Firm Bids:** Bids were advertised in three local newspapers (Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties) as well as through Open Bids (previously Demand Star) and there were four responses, of which three were compliant. None of the firms were local. The Finance Committee recommended that after reviewing the bids we continue with our current audit firm who provided a compliant response. Exum moved, and Brooks seconded that we do so; motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **Fiscal Year 2027 Meeting Dates:** The Board reviewed the enclosed sheet that lists meeting dates and times for the entire Board, the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and the Vision 2028 committee. Statham moved, and Brooks seconded that we adopt; motion carried unanimously.
 - c. **"Dead" former US Navy Plane on field:** The Board asked Statham to reach out to the owner of the old, unflyable former US Navy airplane that is sitting on the tie-down ramp

and notify him that it needs to be removed. Wilson will provide Statham with the owner's contact information.

13. **New Business:**

a. **None.**

Adjourn: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 PM.

These minutes were compiled by Ross Statham, Secretary, and when subsequently approved by the Board of Directors (during the next meeting of the Board) and when signed by the Secretary, shall constitute a true record to be included with the official legal records.



Ross E. Statham, Secretary