

Blair Airport Authority Regular Meeting
April 21, 2026

Agenda Item #1 – The Blair Airport Authority met in regular session in the City Council Chambers on April 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM and called to order by Chairman Johnson.

Chairman Johnson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Enterprise or the Pilot -Tribune as shown by the affidavit of publication filed in the City Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Blair Airport Authority and the agenda is filed in the City Clerk's office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Blair Airport Authority of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Agenda Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3 - Roll call of members – The following were present: Wes Baedke, Dan Hunt, Dave Johnson, and Faye Jones. Absent: Marty Rump. Also present were City Administrator Green and Deputy City Administrator Barrow.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of the minutes from the March 12, 2026, meeting - Motion by Faye Jones, second by Wes Baedke to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2026, meeting as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Abstain (With Conflict), Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 – Financial Reports for March 2026 – Motion by Dan Hunt, second by Faye Jones to approve the financial reports for March 2026 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation by Omaha Soaring Club – Eric Hineman, President of the Omaha Soaring Club, provided a detailed overview of the Club's activities and relationship with the Blair Airport. He highlighted accomplishments from 2025, including more than 500 flights, and spoke to the discipline and safety culture associated with glider training. Mr. Hineman explained that many pilots, even within Nebraska, remain unaware of Blair's airport facilities and emphasized the airport's strategic role as a regional general aviation asset. He expressed gratitude for the Airport Authority's support and noted how welcoming conditions at Blair encourage new pilots to discover glider aviation. Board members asked questions about membership origins, growth trends, and long-term plans. Discussion included opportunities for joint marketing, social media engagement, and associate memberships. The Board voiced appreciation for the Club's positive presence and educational value.

Agenda Item #7 – Consider Resolution No. 2026-008 approving Olsson Amendment No. 3 for Construction Observation coverage on Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics project BTA SA10 – City Administrator Green explained that unanticipated delays in the grading project required additional construction observation services beyond the original scope. He clarified the delay triggered liquidated damages assessed to CDS Enterprises totaling approximately \$30,000, which would partially offset the increased costs. Board discussion addressed the importance of documenting schedule impacts, ensuring accountability, and minimizing future overruns on similar projects. Members agreed the amendment was justified and necessary to protect the City’s interests. Board member Hunt introduced Resolution No. 2026-008. Motion by Faye Jones, second by Wes Baedke to adopt Resolution No. 2026-008 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent, All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #8 – Consider Resolution No. 2026-009 Approving Bid Runway Extension Project 3-31-0109-026/027/028-2026 (R02/R03/R04) Contingent Upon FAA and Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics Approval – Board member Baedke introduced Resolution No. 2026-009. City Administrator Green provided a comprehensive overview of the bid process, noting that bids were received from multiple contractors across several schedules. Paulsen, Inc. of Cozad was identified as the lowest responsible bidder for all recommended phases. Discussion included the advantage of bids coming in below engineering estimates, coordination among six separate agencies, and sequencing concrete and grading work. Mr. Green outlined the planned use of a Bond Anticipation Note to front project costs until FAA and NDOT reimbursements are received. Motion by Dan Hunt, second by Faye Jones to receive and place bids on file as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried. Motion by Dan Hunt, second by Faye Jones to adopt Resolution No. 2026-009 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #9 – Consider Resolution No. 2026-010 Authorizing the Chairman to sign the FAA Grant Application and Sponsor Certifications for Runway Extension Project 3-31-0109-026/027/028-2026 (R02/R03/R04) – Board member Hunt introduced Resolution No. 2026-010. City Administrator Green explained the procedural importance of authorizing the Chairman to execute FAA grant documents promptly once approvals are issued. Board members discussed timing sensitivities and emphasized maintaining momentum to avoid construction delays. Motion by Wes Baedke, second by Dan Hunt to adopt Resolution No. 2026-010 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #10 – Consider Resolution No. 2026-011 Adopting and Approving the execution of an agency agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics for Project No. 3-31-0109-026/027/028-2026 – Board member Baedke introduced Resolution No. 2026-011. City Administrator Green clarified that this agreement governs the State

of Nebraska's administrative role in submitting required materials to the FAA for federal funding. Discussion included compliance requirements, reporting responsibilities, and coordination between state and federal agencies. Board members agreed the agreement was standard and necessary to advance the project. Motion by Faye Jones, second by Dan Hunt to adopt Resolution No. 2026-011 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #11 – Consider Resolution No. 2026-012 approving Olsson Engineering Amendment 01 for bidding, construction administration, and close out phases for Runway Extension Project 3-31-0109-026/027/028-2026 (R02/R03/R04) – Board member Hunt introduced Resolution No. 2026-012. City Administrator Green explained that earlier project phases did not include bidding and construction administration services. The amendment expands Olsson's scope to ensure continuity through construction and close-out, with time tracked and costs capped at a not-to-exceed amount. Board members emphasized the importance of detailed record-keeping, transparency, and regular updates during construction. Motion by Wes Baedke, second by Faye Jones to adopt Resolution No. 2026-012 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #12 – Consider Resolution No. 2026-013 authorizing the purchase of a Beacon and Windsock – Council member Baedke introduced Resolution No. 2026-13. City Administrator Green stated the purchase of a new beacon and windsock will be done now and the FAA will reimburse the Authority for these items through the runway expansion project. Board members agreed that purchasing the equipment in advance would prevent installation delays once the construction schedule allows. Motion by Faye Jones, second by Dan Hunt to adopt Resolution No. 2026-013 as presented. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Agenda Item #13 - Reports

1. SkyWerx – Tim Hauder reported that hangar construction is nearing completion. Coordination plans were discussed for temporary beacon storage and minimizing disruption during relocation.
2. Snow/Ice Removal – Deputy City Administrator Barrow provided a detailed seasonal transition update, including winter equipment storage, electrical improvements at Hangar D, weed and thistle control, cedar tree removal strategies, and plans for a controlled burn of the rental house. The Board discussed long-term vegetation management.
3. Update on Current Construction Projects – Heather Olson, Olsson Engineering, reviewed progress on seeding and bond claims related to American Concrete with the contractor CDS, upcoming sanitary sewer and septic work, and the anticipated June start for Paulsen's grading work pending grant funding release.
4. Fuel Flowage Fee
 1. 100 LL: \$282.86
 2. Jet A: \$2,488.55
5. Airport Manager's Report – No Report.

Agenda Item #16 – Adjournment – Motion by Wes Baedke, second by Faye Jones to adjourn the meeting 7:45 pm. Board members voted as follows: Wes Baedke: Yea, Dan Hunt: Yea, Dave Johnson: Yea, Faye Jones: Yea, Marty Rump: Absent. All Board members voted: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Chairman Johnson declared the motion carried.

Wes Baedke, Secretary

Brenda Wheeler, Recording Secretary