Ashtabula County Airport Authority

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 8:00AM

Board Members Present	Others Present
Lance Bushweiler, President	Dave Pontius, Andrews & Pontius
John Ambrose, Vice President	JP Ducro, Ashtabula County Commissioner (T)
Don Ballard	Nicole Bryan, Michael Baker Int'l
Dwight Bowden	Aiden Gill, Michael Baker Int'l
Garrett Demshar	Kate Burke-Rosales, NEORA
Bill Koleno	Derek Maple, NEORA (T)
Kate Reedy (T)	Paul Strack, RS&H (T)
Mark Stackhouse	Tony Monyak, UH (T)
	Raymond Nevison, Ashtabula County Dept. of Environmental Services
*(T) Teleconference Participant	Noah Pierce, Ashtabula County Dept. of Environmental Services

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Bushweiler. At the request of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer confirmed a quorum.

President Bushweiler noted that the gentlemen who wanted to discuss the hunting program did not attend. He also took a moment to recognize the 25th anniversary of September 11th noting its lasting significance to the aviation industry and the Airport Authority's responsibility to maintain aviation safety and security. The Board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives, their families, and the first responders and citizens who demonstrated extraordinary courage that day.

Department of Environmental Services – Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Update

Raymond Nevison, the new Environmental Services Director, introduced himself and provided an update on the airport WWTP, which has been temporarily offline while the County works with the Ohio EPA to determine a long-term permitting solution. Wastewater is currently being hauled approximately twice weekly to another treatment facility. Recent work has included soil testing, flow measurements, and engineering analysis. The existing plant is functioning properly; the primary issue is that its current permit only allows land application of treated effluent, which is no longer considered viable based on soil conditions and current agricultural use of the designated field. It was also noted that land-application wastewater systems are relatively uncommon in Ohio, while direct discharge is a more conventional treatment approach. Environmental Services is pursuing approval for a direct-discharge permit, which would allow properly treated effluent to be discharged to the adjacent stream. This may require plant modifications, including potentially upgrading to UV disinfection, and remains subject to Ohio EPA approval. Engineering recommendations are expected to be submitted shortly, with a preliminary determination on the preferred path anticipated within approximately one month. The Board emphasized that adequate wastewater service is important to both existing airport operations and future development and requested that the Airport Authority be included in discussions with the EPA. The Board also requested review of the existing agreement governing the wastewater facility. It was noted that the treatment pond plays a vital role in airport fire protection.

Commissioner Ducro entered the meeting at 8:15AM.

Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes: August 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

FUEL SALES	100LL		JET A	
AUGUST	Gallons Sold	Gross Margin %	Gallons Sold	Gross Margin %
2026	1,684	28%	5,628	51%

	100LL		JET A	
JAN-JUL	Gallons Sold	Gross Margin %	Gallons Sold	Gross Margin %
2026	5,623	22%	32,548	47%

2025	2,678	18%	6,308	30%	2025	8,275	14%	30,896	30%
2024	1,746	14%	8,139	26%	2024	5,769	12%	26,475	26%

Bank Account Balance: $1,273,499.73

Cash Book Balance: $751,410.64

Profit & Loss Report:

- Net Ordinary Income $8,130.33
- Net Income $8,446.80

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report YTD:

- Net Ordinary Income -$117,206.69
- Net Income $1,042,222.49

Bond Payment: None

Ashtabula County Appropriation: None

Accounts Payable / Bills: $8,693.08

Gifts and Donations:
Dwight & Susan Bowden
$567.06 Traffic Safety Store: Wands & Delineators

Obstructions: Tower owners are in the process of correcting issues

NOTAM Summary

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Feature	Condition	Number	Start Date UTC	End Date UTC	Status
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASN 2021-AGL-3670-OE) 413905N0804218W (7.6NM S HZY) 12...	07/017	07/25/2026 0122	09/08/2026 0122	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1211492) 414319.70N0804213.40W (3.4NM S HZY) 1276....	06/019	06/14/2026 2012	09/12/2026 2012	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1018482) 415511.30N0802715.40W (13.8NM NE HZY) 116...	06/029	06/17/2026 0914	09/15/2026 0914	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1204285) 413415.60N0804231.20W (12.5NM S HZY) 1347...	06/039	06/25/2026 1500	09/23/2026 1500	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1043570) 413750.00N0804535.00W (9.4NM SSW HZY) 162...	08/028	08/26/2026 1216	09/25/2026 2359	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1011702) 413605.70N0804009.70W (10.7NM S HZY) 1362...	07/006	07/03/2026 0750	10/01/2026 0750	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1007641) 414311.50N0804456.40W (4.2NM SW HZY) 1292...	08/001	08/01/2026 0054	10/30/2026 0054	Active
Aerodrome	HZY AD AP ALL SFC WIP HVY EQPT 2609011325-2610312100...	09/001	09/01/2026 1325	10/31/2026 2100	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1206005) 415516.40N0803426.00W (10.3NM NNE HZY) 95...	08/007	08/07/2026 0817	11/05/2026 0917	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1011703) 415402.50N0803502.40W (9.0NM NE HZY) 1149...	08/010	08/10/2026 1432	11/08/2026 1532	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1011701) 415022.90N0804435.30W (4.3NM NNW HZY) 117...	08/011	08/11/2026 0821	11/09/2026 0921	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1046104) 415500.00N0803258.50W (10.7NM NE HZY) 109...	08/013	08/12/2026 0729	11/10/2026 0829	Active
Obstruction	HZY OBST TOWER LGT (ASR 1200388) 415250.50N0803950.10W (6.4NM NNE HZY) 109...	09/003	09/04/2026 1059	12/03/2026 1159	Active

Following an inquiry to remove any items, **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Bill Koleno; discussion: none; roll-call: Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Koleno "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – The Secretary/Treasurer reported were no outstanding aged receivables, and monthly payroll withholdings were filed. Due to increasing Brightspeed costs and ongoing maintenance expenses for the outdated phone system, a replacement proposal was obtained through Ashton. A $6,276 Fidelity Charitable donation was received to fully fund implementation of a Microsoft Teams-based phone system, including equipment, headsets, and installation. The FY2025 audit is expected to close by the end of the month. An $8,400 heating system improvement completed in December 2025 was identified during final audit review as having been incorrectly recorded as a repair rather than a capital improvement. The item will be noted as a verbal audit comment and reclassified for the 2026 financial statements and depreciation schedules. Fuel sales improved considerably during August and early September, aided in part by increased UH activity and business jet fuel sales. Preliminary projections indicate the airport may finish the year approximately $50,000 short of budget, an improvement over earlier projections. Updated figures will be prepared to determine whether additional County support should be requested.

MOTION to authorize the transfer for $83,000 from Andover Bank Checking account-882 to the Airport Bond Retire Account-732 for the forced USDA payment on 10/01/2026, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Garrett Demshar; discussion: none; roll-call: Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Koleno "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

MOTION to approve attendance for Kate Burke-Rosales and Garrett Demshar to the GLCAAAE Conference in Chicago October 14-16th with registration and travel expenses to be covered through a charitable donation, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Mark Stackhouse; discussion: Attendees will provide the Board with an update following the conference. Roll-call: Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Koleno "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

Safety & Equipment – Derek Maple reported that D-Day operations were completed successfully, with the largest attendance observed in recent years. The new de-icing truck experienced an emergency-stop issue that has been resolved, while staff continues working with the manufacturer to address a leaking ground-reel hose. All issues are being documented in writing. Hangar door maintenance continues, and preparing winter equipment for the upcoming season has started. A significant loader hydraulic leak was repaired with a minor O-ring replacement, an Oshkosh plow cylinder was removed for repair, and replacement of the main broom head is planned.

MOTION to authorize roof repairs on a time-and-material basis, at an estimated cost of $2,500, with expenses to be funded through the Ashtabula County Aviation Trust grant, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Garrett Demshar; discussion: A quote was received from Cupp Quality Roofing, which included repairs on several airport buildings, including replacement of fasteners, treatment of rusted areas, and sealing identified leaks; roll-call: Demshar "yes", Koleno "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

The Board discussed the deteriorating condition of the door tracks on B Row hangars, particularly on the north side, where several tracks have deteriorated to the point that doors are becoming difficult or unsafe to operate. Derek Maple was directed to obtain pricing to properly replace the damaged tracks and evaluate repairs on both sides of the building. Staff will also install rubber barriers along portions of the south side to reduce helicopter rotor wash, dirt, and debris entering the hangars. Vegetation clearing continues in areas of concern for deer activity as the perimeter fence progresses. Hangar inspections are planned for late October following completion of the annual fire extinguisher inspections. The airport noted 870 aircraft operations in August, an increase of 273 operations from July. Pavement maintenance was discussed, including the importance of completing annual crack sealing. Staff continue seeking a contractor to repair a larger runway pavement crack, as previous contractors have declined the work.

Bill Koleno exited the meeting at 8:36AM.

The Board emphasized that pavement preservation and crack sealing remain a high maintenance priority. The Board also discussed increased interaction between fixed-wing aircraft and UH helicopter operations. A tenant aviation safety seminar is being coordinated to address helicopter rotor wash, wake turbulence, traffic patterns, and safe mixed aircraft operations. Once scheduled, information will be distributed to tenants, including those unable to attend.

Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Ducro recognized the success of the recent D-Day event and noted that the Visitors Bureau will be asked to provide visitor guides for distribution at next year's event to further promote Ashtabula County. The Commissioner also acknowledged that the Airport Authority may submit a request for additional County financial assistance but noted current County budget pressures, including anticipated costs associated with the jail project, and encouraged the Airport Authority to continue identifying opportunities to reduce expenditures. The Board also discussed eligibility for appointments to the Airport Authority. Commissioner Ducro indicated that Ashtabula County residency is not currently considered a requirement for appointments to the Airport Authority, although requirements may vary among County-appointed boards. He agreed to confirm the appropriate language so the airport website can be updated accordingly.

Don Ballard exited the meeting at 8:48AM.

In response to a question regarding the County's former Budget Committee, Commissioner Ducro confirmed that the committee is not currently active, primarily due to difficulty maintaining participation and obtaining meaningful feedback, although its future reinstatement remains possible.

Committee Reports

Hangar Leases:

MOTION to approve Jim McVey in B-3, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Mark Stackhouse; discussion: This is expected to be a temporary rental until his other aircraft is sold. Roll-call: Demshar "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Bowden "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

MOTION to approve Bagpiper Aviation in E-4, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Garrett Demshar; discussion: He is moving from B-4. Roll-call: Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

The Board was informed that Dan Ellenberger's last day with UH will be October 1st and that a new representative will be assuming his responsibilities. Staff will coordinate with his replacement regarding the previously discussed release of obligation associated with the UH housing project. The Board formally expressed its appreciation to Mr. Ellenberger for his efforts in establishing and expanding UH's services at the airport for the benefit of Ashtabula County residents.

Don Ballard re-entered the meeting.

Marketing – Bowden, Bushweiler: R.A. Weidemann Rob Barber visited the airport to capture video content and plans to interview the AOPA scholarship recipients as part of the airport's ongoing website refresh and promotional efforts. A press release highlighting the airport's updated $108 million economic impact, as identified through the Ohio Airport System Plan, was distributed to local media, elected officials, and community stakeholders. Although it was not initially published by local newspapers, follow-up with the Gazette resulted in plans for publication. The Board discussed the broader purpose of these efforts as demonstrating the airport's value, maintaining public awareness, supporting economic development, and ultimately increasing airport activity and revenue. The Board discussed the importance of attracting additional aviation activities, including flight training, aircraft maintenance, cargo, and other operations that generate aircraft movements and fuel sales. Fuel pricing and regional competition were reviewed, with staff noting that previous reductions in 100LL margins did not produce a significant increase in fuel traffic and that flight training has historically had the greatest impact on 100LL sales. Infrastructure considerations affecting future airport development, particularly water and natural gas availability were also discussed. Concerns were raised regarding the long-term reliability of the airport's existing natural gas service and the importance of understanding available alternatives should the current arrangement change.

HR Working Group – Ambrose, Bushweiler, Toth: Nothing to report.

Growth Partnership – Reedy: Dr. Reedy reported that the Executive Committee discussed workforce and education initiatives aimed at retaining young people in Ashtabula County, including potential seed funding, the Promise Grant, Rising Scholars, and career pathway programs. The Partnership is currently working with two active expansion projects and six additional potential projects, along with broader efforts involving industrial development, infrastructure, and power availability. Data center development was also discussed, although local moratoriums may affect potential projects and other industrial development opportunities.

Aviation Education Initiative – Ambrose, Bowden, Bushweiler, Cornelius: Dwight Bowden informed the Board about concerns with the current AOPA scholarship payment process, particularly the use of debit cards that allow scholarship recipients to independently select training providers without verification of appropriate insurance or other qualifications. Dwight and Sue Bowden are continuing discussions with AOPA regarding a more accountable method of distributing scholarship funds directly to qualified training providers. Mr. Bowden also discussed potentially expanding future scholarship eligibility beyond private pilot training to include aircraft maintenance and other aviation-related career pathways. Previous scholarship participation has been lower than anticipated, highlighting the need to increase awareness, access to training, and local aviation opportunities. The Board talked about connecting scholarship efforts with existing youth aviation programs, including EAA Young Eagles, and exploring how these programs could support development of a

local flight school and broader aviation workforce pipeline. Cost and access to training were identified as significant barriers for students pursuing aviation careers.

OAA & OAF Representative – Bowden: A joint meeting of the OAA and OAF was held in Columbus on August 25th, followed by a meeting with the Cleveland Foundation on August 26th. The Foundation has approximately $121,000 held through the Cleveland Foundation and an additional $44,000 in a Chase checking account, positioning it to become increasingly self-sustaining and expand future scholarship awards. The Foundation is also exploring the use of an organizational College Advantage 529 plan to administer scholarships. Under the proposed structure, scholarship funds could be transferred into the 529 plan, recipients designated as beneficiaries, and payments made directly to qualified educational institutions rather than through debit cards. The Foundation continues researching the administrative requirements for assigning scholarship beneficiaries.

Fuel – Bushweiler, Cornelius, Koleno: 100LL is currently $8.99 and Jet A+ is $8.60 per gallon. A conference call was also held with CAA to clarify portions of the airport's renewal application, including the proposed increased fuel markup. CAA noted that the proposed markup is higher than program averages and is subject to approval through its voting process. If the renewal is not approved, current pricing is expected to remain in effect through October, with an opportunity to reapply following an additional extension period. The Secretary/Treasurer confirmed that the previously approved Purvis fuel supply agreement renewal has been executed and submitted.

Inventory Report (09/08/2026)
100LL Avgas: 861 gallons
Jet A w/Prist: Truck 848 gallons / Tank 1,684 gallons / Total of 2,529 gallons
Diesel: 263 gallons
Unleaded Gas: 30 gallons

Due to a significant increase in traffic, Jet A inventory reached a low level, requiring the airport to temporarily reserve the remaining fuel for UH and airport tenants and issue a NOTAM advising that Jet A was unavailable to transient aircraft. A full delivery was scheduled for Saturday, with the supplier unable to provide an earlier delivery due to increased demand following the holiday weekend, help prevent future shortages, the airport will increase its Jet A reorder point and begin coordinating deliveries with Purvis earlier. 100LL, Jet A, and unleaded fuel have all been ordered.

Engineer/Consultant's Report
Michael Baker International Nicole Bryan's monthly report is available on SharePoint and noted below.
Task Orders

TO#1 Fence Design: The FAA review has not yet begun regarding the status of the Exhibit A review but has moved to the top of the FAA reviewer's priority list. An additional update is anticipated during the October FAA Planning meeting.

TO#5 Obstruction Analysis: Coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been completed regarding the proposed obstruction removal areas. The current priority is removal of the identified tree cluster near the RWY 27 end between the airport and Fink property, which is also the only obstruction currently identified in the ODOT 5010 report. The proposed removal limits will be reviewed with the FAA during the upcoming planning meeting before the project scope is finalized. The Army Corps confirmed that work within the forested wetlands south of RWY 27 that involves filling, farming, or otherwise converting the area would require permitting and wetland mitigation. Due to the significant cost and lengthy permitting process, work in that area is not considered feasible at this time. There will be a follow up with the FAA regarding its review of the previously submitted categorical exclusion to determine whether any additional environmental documentation will be required. These items will be discussed further during the planning meeting

TO#6 Fence CA: Fence construction continues to progress successfully, with no major concerns reported. Wildlife management was discussed as the project approaches completion. Staff have been clearing brush and encouraging deer to leave the area before the fence and gates are fully closed, with

additional coordination planned as necessary to ensure remaining deer are removed before the perimeter is secured.

MOTION to G.B. Hastie's Pay Application #2 in the amount of $282,330, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Garrett Demshar; discussion: none; roll-call: Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Reedy "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

TO #08 2026 Grant Administration:

- *FAA Planning Meeting*: This meeting is scheduled virtually for Thursday, October 22nd at 10:30AM.

TO #9 AvGas System Project Oversight: In preparation for the new above-ground Avgas system, the airport's SWPPP and Spill Prevention Plan update will begin. Updates will incorporate current personnel and training information and reflect the transition from the existing underground fuel tank to the new above-ground system. A coordination meeting with airport staff and Michael Baker's environmental team is tentatively scheduled for September 23rd at approximately 11:00AM.

TO #10 480v 3-phase: The project specifications and bid package have been completed and are ready for advertisement, with bids scheduled to be opened on October 5th. To coordinate construction with FirstEnergy's approximately 10-to-12-week scheduling window, First Energy confirmed that its previously provided pricing remains valid. The project schedule is intended to allow the selected contractor to complete trenching and related electrical work in advance of FirstEnergy completing its portion of the installation.

MOTION to authorize advertisement for bids for the 480/3-phase electrical project, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Mark Stackhouse; discussion: none; roll-call: Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

MOTION to authorize the President to sign the billing proposal from FirstEnergy to secure scheduling for the 480/3-phase electrical project, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Garrett Demshar; discussion: none; roll-call: Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

Grant Funding

- *FAA FY25 Fence CA #024-2025*: The next reimbursement request will be submitted to Delphi.

Invoices

MOTION to approve Michael Baker International Task Order #6 Perimeter Fence CA, Invoice #1298785, Billing Number 2 – 30% complete, in the total amount of $39,105.00, consisting of $37,149.75 FAA Share, $1,955.25 ODOT Share, and $0.00 Local Share, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Garrett Demshar; discussion: none; roll-call: Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

MOTION to approve Michael Baker International Task Order #8 2026 Administration, Invoice #1298790, Billing Number 2 – 49% complete, in the total Local Share amount of $15,442.32, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by John Ambrose; discussion: none; roll-call: Demshar "yes", Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

MOTION to approve Michael Baker International Task Order #10 480V 3Ph Service, Invoice #1300066, Billing Number 1 – 26% complete, in the total Local Share amount of $12,010.58, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Lance Bushweiler; discussion: The Board noted that the project is not yet fully funded, with approximately $100,000 currently committed toward a project previously estimated at approximately $150,000. Final funding needs will be evaluated after bids are received. The Board agreed to place the matter on the next meeting agenda to discuss options for securing any remaining funding needed to complete the project. Roll-call: Reedy "yes", Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

Paul Strack with RS&H reported that he is working with the Secretary/Treasurer to complete the federal grant closeout documentation for the project, which came in below the original grant estimate. Board authorization is needed for President Bushweiler to execute the federal closeout documentation. Once the FAA closeout is

completed, a separate process will be completed with ODOT to close out the State portion of the project funding.

MOTION to authorize the Board President to execute the required FAA grant closeout documentation for the Deice Truck Project, moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Mark Stackhouse; discussion: none; roll-call: Stackhouse "yes", Ambrose "yes", Ballard "yes", Bowden "yes", Demshar "yes", Reedy "yes", Bushweiler "yes", motion carried.

Mr. Strack offered to provide contact information for a small minority-owned contractor in the Toledo area that has successfully completed crack-sealing work at other airports. The contact information will be forwarded to the airport for consideration.

Legal Counsel's Report – There has been no update. The Offer of Settlement has been withdrawn due to no response from the USDA and no response from JobsOhio Lake to River organization's offer to assist in obtaining a meeting with the USDA to present/advance the offer and the potential resolution of this matter. Numerous emails, correspondence, reports and other documents were reviewed. Counsel participated in email exchanges and telephone conferences with Board members, and monitored other matters as presented by the Board and/or Secretary/Treasurer.

President's Report – President Bushweiler thanked airport staff, Board members, volunteers, donors, and community partners for their assistance with the successful D-Day activities. Special recognition was given to Dr. Reedy and Commissioner Ducro for assisting with traffic control and to the Civil Air Patrol for its important role in maintaining the public safety perimeter during aviation operations. Repairs to the crew car included replacement of the muffler, exhaust components, rear rotors and calipers, along with an oil change and new wiper blades. The repairs were fully funded through a Fidelity Charitable grant, with appreciation expressed to Dwight Bowden for securing the funding. A combined OAA, AOPA, and ORBA meeting is scheduled for September 18th at Kent State University Airport, with RSVPs requested from those interested in attending. The invoice from Geauga Lift Truck was also paid for service performed on the former forklift prior to its eventual trade-in. President Bushweiler confirmed that hunting is currently prohibited on all Airport Authority property, including property outside the perimeter fence. The prohibition applies to tenants, neighboring property owners, and the public. The Airport Authority retains the ability to conduct wildlife mitigation activities when necessary for airport safety and operations. The Board agreed that the existing non-hunting policy should remain in effect.

Don Ballard exited the meeting at 9:47AM.

Old Business – Topics were covered under the President's Report.

Public Comments – Derek Maple notified the Board that Friends of Ohio Aviation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is organizing a Covered Bridge Air Race during October to raise funds for aviation scholarships while promoting Ashtabula County and the airport. Participating pilots will depart from HZY, photograph designated covered bridges, and return to the airport. The event will run throughout the month rather than using a simultaneous start to avoid concentrating aircraft around the bridges.

New Business – The Board discussed potential fire and safety risks associated with e-bikes and other lithium-ion battery-powered devices, particularly when stored inside airport hangars. Concerns included the increased fire risk associated with damaged, modified, or non-OEM batteries and the potential implications of storing these devices near aircraft and fuel. The Secretary/Treasurer has requested guidance from the airport's insurance underwriter regarding any additional risk, recommended restrictions, or policy considerations. The Board agreed to await the underwriter's response before considering any policy changes.

Dwight Bowden reported that he received follow-up communication from BETA Technologies regarding its selection process for a potential electric aircraft charging location, with BETA requesting a meeting to continue discussions. A response will be sent to schedule the meeting. Mr. Bowden also thanked Nicole Bryan for her efforts to provide Rob Barber with current project information for the airport website, including updates

on the 480-volt three-phase electrical project, obstruction removal, above-ground fuel storage project, and other airport improvements.

Executive Session – None to report.

Adjournment
The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 10/08/2026 at 8:00AM. Meeting adjourned at 9:55AM moved by Dwight Bowden, seconded by Mark Stackhouse.



Kate Burke-Rosales
Ashtabula County Airport Authority, Secretary/Treasurer