

North Little Rock Regional Airport Commission Minutes – April 16, 2026

The North Little Rock Airport Commission met on April 16, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the North Little Rock City Services Conference Room. Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order.

Commissioners present were Chairman Brad Hughes, Mark Bentley, Will Gruber, Jake House, and Missie Smith. Commissioners Todd Adams and Tim Cummins were absent. Also present were Assistant City Attorney Alex Betton, Garver Engineer Jordan Culver and Airport Director, Virginia Young.

Minutes

Minutes for the March 19, 2026, meeting were presented. Commissioner Bentley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2026, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financials

Young presented the financials for March 2026. There were no unusual expenses for the month of March. Expenditures are less than revenue collections year to date. The financials reflect \$75,000 supporting the 2026 Airshow, which was approved by the City of North Little Rock City Council. Commissioner Adams made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bentley, to accept March Financials. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Assistant City Attorney stated that a letter notifying the tenants at 8360 Remount Road (AKA VanCleve Hangar) that the property must be vacated by or before the end of November 2026, has been drafted and reviewed by Chairman Hughes. A few minor changes will be made following the meeting and the notice will be sent certified mail.

A workshop regarding revisions to the current airport rules and regulations will immediately follow today's meeting.

New Business

The future of the airport requires additional sites for ground lease hangars. Jordan Culver from Garver Engineering shared future opportunities, costs, and challenges to develop new building sites which include ramp pavement. Drainage issues will need to be corrected. The East ramp was developed around 2018 for approximately six sites. The last one is currently under construction. Culver stated that the cost to site ready six additional lots with pavement, suitable for 60' X 60' hangars, is estimated at \$350,000 to \$375,000. There is a possibility of applying for an 80/20 grant from the division of Arkansas Aeronautics. Several possible options for lot development were discussed by the commissioners. The commission also discussed whether an updated master plan would be required. The commission asks that Culver provide additional information at the May meeting.

Commissioner Bentley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, requesting that Garver Engineering proceed with rendering drawings for site development opportunities. The motion passed unanimously.

Commission Reports

Jordan Culver, Garver Engineering presented the following progress report: The new 10 Bay Hangar replacement is still planned for June 1st. The parking lot reconstruction completed by Redstone is complete and payment requests are ready. Garver provided Brad Kutchins estimates for the five different alternatives for the runway extension analysis. Kutchins should be ready in late May for additional discussions. The Taxiway Delta Lighting Rehab project is set for advertisement this weekend. The fiscal year 2026 six bay T hangar replacement grant project is moving forward. The goal is to advertise for bids before the June meeting.

Young shared that Troy Prince, a ten-year-old Parks and Recreation Department employee, was selected to fill the maintenance position left open when Gary Erwin retired. Troy is in his second week at the airport and seems to be doing well. The individual who filled the seasonal part-time maintenance position last summer has committed to return for the seasonal work. The funds were appropriated in the 2026 budget process. The 2026 Airshow is lining up nicely. The 2022 Airshow night performers, who were not available for the 2024 show, are returning this year! Brad and Virginia have a meeting at North Little Rock Wastewater to explore future wastewater infrastructure/development on the airport. The west side of the airport has few options but there are some possibilities.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commission House made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bentley, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.