

Habersham County Airport Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Conference Room

Habersham County Administration Building

130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523

The Habersham County Airport Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Executive conference room in the Habersham County Administration Building located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA, 30523.

Members Present: D. Higgins, Lawrence Bridges, Andy Anderson, Justin Schapansky, Spencer Carr

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Patti McLarty, Bill Harden, Representatives of Kimley-Horn, Jeff Strickland, members of the public

Call to Order: D. Higgins called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Invocation and Pledge: D Higgins gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Spencer Carr, seconded by Justin Schapansky, and voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Andy Anderson, seconded by Spencer Carr, and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 regular meeting.

Financials: Kiani Holden and the Finance Department are working on closing out the books for FY26. Kiani will present a full year-end financial report at next month's meeting.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Fuel Sales and Airport Revenues: Bill reported that during June 2026 the airport sold 9,479 gallons of Jet-A fuel, 928 gallons of full-service Avgas, and 7,417 gallons of self-service Avgas. Current self-service Avgas pricing is \$6.35 per gallon, and full-service pricing is \$6.80 per gallon. Jet A pricing is \$6.58 per gallon. Additional revenues included \$255 in overnight fees, \$775 in call-out fees, \$1000 in facility fees, and \$197.87 in oil sales. Total fees collected for the month were \$2,030.

Airport Manager Update: Airport Manager Bill Harden gave the update. The airport recently received a load of Jet A, and another one is on order. Will be receiving a load of Avgas tomorrow. Bill requests a standard full load of 7,600 gallons to avoid extra delivery fees. Avgas deliveries continue to be difficult and requires ordering way in advance. World Fuel has dropped their previous delivery service because they kept dropping the ball on deliveries. Our WF rep, Mike, has been a great help, assisting Bill with ordering from different locations to keep our tanks full. Lawrence Bridges added that as the industry begins transitioning to unleaded fuel, getting leaded Avgas is only going to become more difficult. We need to begin preparations for getting a new fuel tank. Bill thanked D Higgins for helping with a few taxiway lights that had been knocked over. Fortunately, only the couplings were broken and not the bulbs themselves. Bill has sent a list of three more burnt-out bulbs to Lead Edge, and the contractor has

ordered replacement bulbs. The contractor has officially completed the runway overlay punch list and have removed the rocks that were left behind. Bill is waiting for the rain to stop to get back to coordinating the spraying and mowing schedule. The tractor has been fixed and is back in action. Hangar tenant Jeremy Modisette contacted Bill to request swapping to a different hangar due to student pilots from Horizon Dreams parking in front of his hangar and also blowing air and dirt into his hangar. Bill advised that B-4 has just been vacated and might be a great option for Mr. Modisette.

Airport Update: Kimley-Horn – The board welcomed Rebecca Collins (Project & Client Manager), Michael Joseph (Co-manager and back-up), and Sam Malte (Project Lead managing day-to-day operations) from Kimley-Horn, the airport's new consulting firm. The team has many years of experience working with small airports. Rebecca also mentioned that we have a new GDOT Project Manager, Richard Hunter. Rebecca and her team are excited and ready to work with Habersham County Airport. One of the first projects they will tackle is the review of airport LIDAR obstruction data. Rebecca suggested we explore easements rather than costly land acquisitions to resolve runway obstructions while satisfying GDOT and FAA standards. She also pointed out that the airport's airspace overlaps into the city limits of Cornelia and Baldwin. In order to protect the county's LMIG funding, these cities must also adopt compliant zoning codes. The map of affected areas needs to be finalized by January 1, 2027, and the cities must implement the code by July 2027. Several board members reported weak AWOS radio reception while traveling from the East/Northeast. Kimley-Horn will look into options for replacing or upgrading the aging AWOS system. Lawrence Bridges asked if Kimley-Horn would be taking over active hangar development projects that Lead Edge has been working on. D Higgins confirmed that Kiani will be collecting the necessary proposal data from Lead Edge so that we can move forward with the proposed projects.

Old Business:

- **CAA Update** – Our airport officially won its bid to be a CAA preferred FBO. Andy Anderson helped explain that CAA is a member group for private turbine (Part 91) pilots. Being a CAA airport puts Habersham County on a highly selective pilot map. Pilots flying jets north of Atlanta would gladly fly 20 miles further north (than Lawrenceville) to our airport to get the CAA rate. We should see more high-volume jet fuel sales that the airport would most likely not see otherwise.

New Business: None

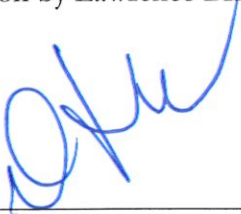
Other Reports: None

Next Meeting:

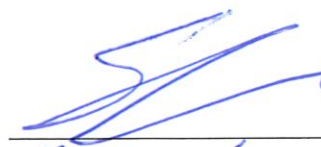
The next meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2026, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room at the Habersham County Administration Building located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Adjournment:

Motion by Lawrence Bridges, seconded by Spencer Carr, and voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.



Chairman – D. Higgins



Attest- Spencer Carr
~~Secretary Andy Anderson~~