

Minutes – June 16th, 2026
Johnstown, Cambria County Airport Authority

The regular meeting of the Johnstown Cambria County Airport Authority was called to order by Tim McIlwain Board Chair at 3:30 pm on Tuesday June 16th 2026th.

Members Present: Tim McIlwain, Mike Parrish, via phone, Jonathan Gleason, via phone, Rick McQuaide, George Acurio, Ed Cernic Jr. and Jim Brazil, via phone.

Members Absent, Tyler Trimbath and Adam Murphy

Others Present: Cory Cree, Airport Manager, Heather Tomasko Assistant Airport Manager Josh Keyser, Airport Operations Supervisor, Angela Rok, GFT; Attorney Brian Litinger; Solicitor; Dennis Kotzan, Accountant, Via Phone Nathan Pinkington, SkyWest; Larr Hoover, Dave Sutor, Tribune Democrat, County Commissioner Keith Rager, Commissioner Tom Chernisky (3:40)

MINUTES:

George Acurio made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19th, Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick McQuaide. and passed by the following vote:

Yeas, Tim McIlwain, Mike Parrish, Jonathan Gleason, Rick McQuaide, George Acurio, Ed Cernic Jr. and Jim Brazil (7). Nays: None (0)

SkyWest/United Report: Nathan Pilkington JST SkyWest
Reviewed the SkyWest reports.

FBO Report:

- N/A

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Kotzan
Reviewed Financials

George Acurio made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Rick McQuaide, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas, Tim McIlwain, Mike Parrish, Jonathan Gleason, Rick McQuaide, George Acurio, Ed Cernic Jr. and Jim Brazil (7). Nays: None (0)

Manager's Report: Cory Cree

Energy Savings Contract Services

- As you know, at the May meeting, the Airport Authority approved the execution of a Letter of Intent (LOI) with The Efficiency Network (TEN) for Investment Grade Audit Services.
- On June 11, 2026, the Facility and KOZ Committee met and reviewed progress to date.
- TEN employees have been on-site to begin evaluating potential locations for a solar array.
- TEN has provided and presented draft cash flows.
- TEN has discussed potential project financing options and the process to secure the Federal Investment Tax Credits (ITCs).
- TEN has documented 's their approach to extend the deadline for the Airport to claim the Federal Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) direct pay.

- Investment Tax Credit (ITC) Deadline
 - o Due to recent legislation changes, if a solar project isn't placed in service by 12/31/2027 it likely becomes ineligible for any ITC payments. For the system size TEN will recommend to the Airport (~3MW-AC), there are options to document the Beginning of Construction (BOC) by **7/4/2026** that would extend the deadline to place the system in service to 12/31/2030 and still be able to claim the current levels of ITC.
- Approach to Extending ITC Deadline
 - o The approach TEN is proposing for this project involves the Airport executing a Pre-Authorization Letter (PAL) with TEN that would start fabrication of custom racking equipment prior to 7/4/2026. The PAL will obligate the Airport to pay for the included racking equipment regardless of whether or not the project gets implemented. The obligation of payment is a key requirement for the IRS to confirm the BOC is achieved by 7/4/2026; there can be no back-out or restocking fees for the equipment that would reduce the Airport's obligated amount.
 - o TEN can make no guarantees that the above approach will result in receipt of ITC payments, but based on input from their tax consultant, TEN believes this approach is reasonable and practical.
- If the PAL is Not Executed
 - o If the PAL is not executed, and BOC is not documented by 7/4/2026, the Airport's solar project could still receive ITC payments at the current levels if the project is placed in service by 12/31/2027. The critical milestone is to have received Permission to Operate (PTO) from the interconnecting utility. **It is highly uncertain that this could happen.** There are several steps in the process of getting to PTO that are out of TEN's control and can have widely varying timeframes, most notably: utility interconnection review/study, permitting, utility implementation of required system/grid upgrades, utility issuance of PTO. TEN cannot guarantee that this deadline can be met.
- TEN has provided a Pre-Authorization Letter for the Airport Authority's consideration, which has been reviewed by the Facility Committee and by Solicitor Leventry.
- Solicitor Leventry has drafted for the Board's adoption the attached Resolution, which would authorize the Airport Manager to execute The Efficiency Network's Pre-Authorization Letter.
- **Recommendation: We recommend that the Airport Authority approves the adoption of the attached Resolution, which would authorize the Airport Manager to execute The Efficiency Network's Pre-Authorization Letter.**
- **The action to approve this recommendation is listed on the agenda under the Facility and KOZ Committee.**

Airport Operations Report: Josh Keyser

- Despite weather and mechanical delays, the Commemorative Airforce was onsite and open to the public on 5/30 and 5/31. Unfortunately, the B29 was not onsite as planned. The only aircraft in attendance were a P13 Steerman and a T6 Texan. Operations completed barricade set up and teardown, parking, and crowd safety on the apron during the event. Set up and tear down of barricades takes several hours to complete but maintains the safety of the event and attendees.
- During the Aerium Summit, staff assisted with parking, apron control and anything that was needed to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all attendees. Additionally, escort assistance was provided for a field tour for Senator McCormick.
- The failed runway 15/33 regulator has been repaired. Parts were received and Barclay Electric was onsite to install the replacement components and switch regulators within the power vault.

GFT Report: Angela Rok

1) Apron Rehabilitation

- a) The grant has been received, and the project has been awarded to the contractor.
- b) Construction began June 2, 2026
- c) Initial schedule submitted that is subject to change with weather or other factors.
 - i) Concrete for Phase I of the Terminal and FBO hangar set to pour June 15, 2026.
 - ii) Full depth repairs completed in current phase by June 18th
 - iii) Milling of the fuel farm starting June 23rd and finishing June 30th with temporary paint.
 - iv) Next phase of concrete at the terminal beginning July 6th.
 - v) Construction wrapping up July 31st with line painting completed 30 days after sealcoat.
- d) Initial supplement #1 for the use of a subcontractor for pavement inspection was approved at the previous board meeting and that was then submitted to the Airport for review.
- e) Additional supplement #2 was submitted for review for work associated with the apron rehabilitation.

2) 8-Unit Hangar – Site Preparation

- a) The location of the restrooms has been moved from the second set of hangars. Sewage facilities were revised to configure either a single restroom in the first hangar or a restroom in each hangar.
- b) Each hangar will have to be tied into the sewage system individually which will consist of a tap fee for each hangar. This can be done as each hangar is tied into the system.
- c) HOP permit extended for another year.
- d) The project bids were be opened on June 5, 2026.
 - i) Prices came in over the allotted Capital Budget amount
 - ii) Engineer is working with the Airport, low bidder, and conservation district to see what can reasonably be removed to get those prices below the grant amount.
- e) Richland Township Planning Commission provided conditional approval on September 9, 2025, with the stipulation that once a hangar is built the associated parking lot is paved.
- i) Paving had to be removed due to the amount of funding available and preliminary estimates.

3) RJ Hangar/Innovation Center – Site Preparation

- a) GFT's engineering agreement was executed by
airport management.
- i) Supplement for additional drilling was completed
and approved.
 - ii) Additional agreement for construction/closeout was submitted to the Airport.
- b) Bid results came in under the Engineer's estimate.
- c) Grant breakdowns have been completed and grant submissions will be finalized this week.
- i) GFT is applying for FAA FY '24 and FY '26 grants while KSA Group is applying for RACP Grants.
- d) Planning to complete all of the site work and the shell of the hangar building.

4) RJ Hangar/Innovation Center – Hangar Construction

- a) Project was bid on May 12, 2026.
- i) Bids came in over the engineer's estimate
- b) Grant breakdowns have been completed and grant submissions will be finalized this week.
- c) Planning to complete all of the site work and the shell of the hangar building.

5) FFY 2026 Relocate ASOS

- a) Engineering agreement approved by Airport and FAA.
- b) Meeting was held with the FAA to discuss scope of work and responsibilities.
- c) ASOS relocation must be completed prior to construction of the RJ Hangar.
- d) Grant breakdowns have been completed and grant submissions will be finalized this week.

Solicitor's Report

Cassidy & Associates, Inc. Extension Letter Agreement. By letter dated May 26, 2026, we advised Cory Cree regarding the amended Extension Letter with Cassidy & Associates, Inc. The amended Extension Letter Agreement added two (2) signatures, which is appropriate, since this Agreement will need to be signed by Cory Cree, on behalf of the Airport Authority and Larry Nulton on behalf of Cambrian Hills Development Group, LLC.

Regarding the actual Agreement, if the Airport has been satisfied with the services that have been provided and do not believe we need to add any other action provisions to the Agreement, then this Extension Agreement alone was sufficient. Otherwise, additional provisions should be added to the base contract, then those changes would need to be implemented before signing the Extension Agreement.

If there were no changes to the base contract, then the Extension Agreement was ready for signature by Cory Cree and Larry Nulton.

Audit. By letter dated May 27, 2026, we responded to Kotzan CPA & Associates, PC regarding their audit request of the Airport's financial statements through December 31, 2025. (See attached letter.)

Veregy Request for Records. By letter dated June 8, 2026 (attached), I responded to Cory Cree's query concerning what the Authority must provide to Veregy, as an unsuccessful proposer, as part of the requested debriefing, both as a matter of routine procurement practice and if Veregy files a formal Right-to-Know Law Request. (See letter for details.)

TEN Pre-Authorization Letter. By letter dated June 10, 2026 (see attached), we advised Cory Cree regarding the Pre-Authorization Letter from TEN which authorizes TEN to enter into binding written contracts and incur costs in connection with the Airport's proposed solar project. In order to satisfy the IRS rules regarding the clean energy tax credits, certain rules have to be complied with which are either physically starting construction on the site or expending five (5) percent of the project costs before July 4, 2026. The attached letter details the advantages/disadvantages of entering into the Pre-Authorization Letter to receive the Clean Energy Tax Credit benefits to the Airport Authority

Executive Session Started at 4:10 PM and ended at 4:42 PM

Executive Session

Chairman Tim McIlwain called for an Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. Rick McQuaide made a motion for executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ed Cernic Jr.

Committee Reports

Finance and Administration Jonathan Gleason, (Chair), George Arcurio, Ed Cernic Jr., and Dennis Kotzan

- N/A

Facility and KOZ: Rick McQuaide, (Chair), Mike Parrish, Jim Brazill and Dennis Kotzan

The motion to approve the adoption of the attached Resolution, which would authorize the Airport Manager to execute The Efficiency Network's Pre-Authorization Letter was tabled until Friday June 19th at Noon.

Airshow: Adam Murphy, (Chair), Mike Parrish

- N/A

Enplanements: Mike Parrish, (Chair), Jonathan Gleason, Adam Murphy, Larry Hoover, and Larry Nulton

- N/A

Personnel: George Arcurio III, (Chair), Ed Cernic, Jr, and Tyler Trimbath

- N/A

Military: Adam Murphy, (Chair), Tim McIlwain, and Tyler Trimbath

- N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 P.M.

**Minutes approved by
Michael Parrish**