



Newnan-Coweta County Airport Authority

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Regular Session

Minutes

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May 15, 2026

9:00 AM

Commission Chambers
37 Perry Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Newnan-Coweta County Airport Authority

Roll Call/Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Joe Rutkiewicz	Chairman	Present
Hank Moody	Vice Chairman	Present
Lee Moody	Secretary	Present
Edward Davidson	Authority Member	Absent
James Amey	Authority Member	Present
Calvin Walker	Airport Manager	Present
Nathan Lee	Attorney	Present
Shannon Zerangue	County Clerk	Present

The Newnan-Coweta County Airport Authority met in Regular Meeting Session on Friday, May 15, 2026.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Rutkiewicz called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Notification of Location of Rules

Chairman Rutkiewicz explained that the rules governing the meeting could be found on the County's website as well as on the table located in the lobby outside the meeting room.

Regular Session

Approval of Minutes

1. **Request Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Session Held on April 17, 2026**

Motion to: Approve

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting Session held on Friday, April 17, 2026.

RESULT: Passed (4 to 0)

MOVER: Hank Moody

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Hank Moody, Lee Moody, James Amey

ABSENT: Edward Davidson

Supplemental Agenda

There were no Supplemental or Non-Agenda items to be added for discussion.

Public Comments Regarding Items On the Agenda - This section is for any public comments regarding items ON the agenda. In accordance with the rules governing the meeting, speakers will be afforded 3 minutes to speak and will be respectfully heard by the Authority.

Chairman Rutkiewicz called for comments regarding any items on the agenda. There were none.

New Business

Updates for the Authority

2. **Update from the Airport Manager**

Airport Manager Walker provided a brief update regarding:

- March financials
- April fuel sales

Mr. Walker fielded questions from Member Hank Moody, explaining that the cost of low lead Avgas has risen approximately \$2/gallon since the Iran conflict began. In addition, he explained that he maintains the price margin based upon current fuel costs.

Mr. Walker briefly discussed Avgas fuel pricing with the Authority, explaining that the

charge to users for Avgas is based on the cost of the fuel already in storage, rather than immediately raising prices as soon as replacement fuel becomes more expensive.

Mr. Walker explained that he missed the April 17th Airport Authority meeting because he was attending the Association of Georgia General Aviation Airports (AGGAA) conference. He further explained that he was elected to serve as the AGGAA Vice-Chair this year, and he hopes to bring value to the organization. He noted that other airports do not have the staff resources that NCCA does, and he would like to work with Attorney Lee on a possible Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide assistance to those entities on an as-needed basis without putting the County at risk.

Mr. Walker informed the Authority that one of the items currently under review is the Airport's Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), which has experienced additional issues this month. He noted that the system had just been restored to operation the previous day. He further noted that funding for the County's required funding match has been included as a request in the Fiscal Year 2027 capital budget for a replacement system, estimated to cost approximately \$135,000.

Mr. Walker reported that he received a request from Mr. Michael Graham regarding a proposed L-39 aircraft event on June 17-21, 2026. He provided Mr. Graham with the Airport Authority's special event application form, but the completed form has not been returned. He explained that approximately ten (10) L-39 aircraft are expected to participate, and the estimated fuel usage is approximately 6,000 gallons during the event. He further noted that the event would not involve public participation and is expected to consist primarily of training activities.

In response to a question from Member H. Moody, Mr. Walker explained that the aircraft will be parked on Mr. Graham's ramp and the Airport will also allow use of the south ramp area located between AirLife and Mr. Graham's hangar.

In closing, Mr. Walker noted that Mr. Graham's event will likely generate strong fuel sales and as soon as he receives the completed special event application, he will forward it to the Authority members.

In response to a question from Chairman Rutkiewicz regarding the age of the current AWOS system, Mr. Walker explained that it is approximately fifteen (15) years old. He noted that such systems are typically expected to remain in service for approximately twenty (20) years; however, the current system has sustained repeated lightning strikes because of its location and has experienced significant wear as a result. He added that the existing system is no longer supported by the manufacturer and that replacement parts are being obtained from other airports that have upgraded their systems.

In response to a question from Member H. Moody regarding the lead time to purchase a

new AWOS system, Mr. Walker explained that the estimated lead time is two (2) to three (3) months based on information provided by Airport Engineer Phil Eberly.

In response to a question from Member Lee Moody, Mr. Walker explained that all components of the current AWOS system are digital (versus analog).

3. Update from the Airport Sponsor

County Administrator Fouts explained that there were no updates from the Airport Sponsor.

4. Update from the Airport Engineer

Chairman Rutkiewicz explained that Airport Engineer Eberly had been delayed by Atlanta traffic, and he is still in route.

Supplemental Items

No Supplemental or Non-Agenda items were added for discussion.

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda – This section is for any public comments regarding items NOT on the agenda. In accordance with the rules governing the meeting, speakers will be afforded 3 minutes to speak and will be respectfully heard by the Authority.

Chairman Rutkiewicz called for comments regarding any items not on the agenda. There were none.

Executive Session - In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2

Mr. Eberly arrived at the meeting.

Motion to: Enter Into Executive Session

The Authority voted to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a real estate and litigation issue.

RESULT: Passed (4 to 0)

MOVER: Hank Moody

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Hank Moody, Lee Moody, James Amey

ABSENT: Edward Davidson

Members in attendance included Chairman Rutkiewicz, Authority Member H. Moody, Authority Member L. Moody, and Authority Member Amey. Authority Member Davidson was absent. Staff members in attendance included County Administrator Michael Fouts,

Public Works Administrator Tod Handley, Attorney Nathan Lee, Airport Manager Calvin Walker, and County Clerk Shannon Zerangue.

Airport Engineer Phil Eberly was also in attendance.

Regular Session

Motion to: Return to Regular Session

The Authority discussed a real estate and litigation issue during Executive Session and voted to return to Regular Session.

RESULT: Passed (4 to 0)

MOVER: Hank Moody

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Hank Moody, Lee Moody, James Amey

ABSENT: Edward Davidson

Adjournment

Motion to: Adjourn

The Authority voted to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Passed (4 to 0)

MOVER: Hank Moody

SECONDER: James Amey

AYES: Joe Rutkiewicz, Hank Moody, Lee Moody, James Amey

ABSENT: Edward Davidson