

HARLAN AIRPORT COMMISSION – August 27, 2025

The Airport Commission meeting was held in person and offered electronically utilizing Zoom.

The Harlan Airport Commission met on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 7:04 AM at Harlan Airport.

Voting Members Present: *Scott McLaughlin, Rick Dotzler, Larry Chapman
Also Present: Scott Pigsley, *Ashley Schleis, Gervas Mgonja, Cory Gaston, *Eric Johnson, *Alexa Hazelton
(* indicates participating remotely)

The Commission meeting was called to order by Dotzler at 7:04 AM. It was moved by McLaughlin and seconded by Chapman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Any conflicts of interest are to be stated when applicable. None.

It was moved by Chapman and seconded by McLaughlin to approve July 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The financial reports for the month of July 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Chapman and seconded by McLaughlin to approve the reports. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Manager's August report was presented. Scott informed airport commission that PMMIC insurance inspection was conducted on August 8th, 2025, and the inspector advised everything was found to be in good condition. The AWOS inspection was completed on July 29, 2025, during which a visibility issue was identified; the technician discovered a wasp nest, recalibrated the visibility, and the system has been operating normally since. The stretch of favorable weather has caused the grass and weeds to grow quickly, making it challenging to keep up with mowing and weed eating. Jeff from City Streets inspected the runway cracks and recommended grinding about a foot wide and a few inches deep to fill with asphalt patch, with the work planned for September. Scott stated that in July, the airport recorded 59 visiting crop dusters and 27 visiting airplanes, along with 31 local crop dusters and 20 local planes, resulting in 472 crop dusting operations and 87 other operations; additionally, there were 4 visiting twin engines, 1 local twin engine, 3 visiting helicopters, and the courtesy car was used three times. He noted that there were fewer crop dusters and airplanes this year, possibly returning later to spray for crop cover-up. Scott also stated that August 7 marked the approximate end of the crop-dusting season, with about 5 to 6 planes operating each day and a few days reaching 8 planes, and that fuel sales for 100LL and Jet A were down compared to last year. It was moved by Chapman and seconded by McLaughlin to receive and file the manager's report. Motion carried unanimously.

- **ALP Project:** Alexa Hazelton provided a project update on the ALP, stating that she received comments from Jr., who reached out to Pigsley to request the airport fuel records to support the ALP project.
- **Apron Expansion:** Cory Gaston of Kirkham Michael stated that Precision Concrete was the lowest bidder and that the project is planned to possibly begin in the spring.
- **Pavement Re-Hab/Crack Seal:** Jeff from City Streets inspected the runway cracks and recommended grinding about a foot wide and a few inches deep to fill with asphalt patch, with the work planned for September.
- **Review Fuel Sale:** Scott Pigsley stated that the fuel sale was okay. It was a little bit less than last year's sales. He is expecting the fuel cost to go down in fall. No action was taken
- **Review Hangar Summary, Seniority & Compliance.** The Commission discussed hangar seniority and compliance, with emphasis on timely collection

of hangar fees and ensuring that all aircraft stored in the hangars remain operable. Plans will be implemented to maintain consistency in both areas.

Other Business:

- Scott Pigsley stated that Crop Dusters were blocking the taxi way. They need to keep the taxi way clear. Water trucks were driving on the grass and created ruts everywhere.
- He also reported that Hangar 2 was used by local farmers for a meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 7:00 AM at Harlan Airport (also offered via ZOOM). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at _____ AM.

Ashley Schleis, Recording Secretary

These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and are subject to Commission approval at the next regular meeting.