Airport Improvement Committee

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 2PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Philip Barrett; Committee Members Ed Kinowski, Ram Lalukota, Ian Murray
Absent: Scott Ostrander
Supervisors Bob Anderson; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Mariah Ruscio, Anne Van Vorst, County Administrator; George Conway, Kate Kelly, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Public Works.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Supervisor Murray, seconded by Supervisor Lalukota, the minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Barrett reported that he recently visited the Airport and had a conversation with the Restaurant proprietor. Mr. Barrett reported that the next Airport Improvement Committee meeting will be held at the Airport.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lalukota, seconded by Supervisor Murray, to accept an Airport Infrastructure Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. Unanimous.
Mr. Cooke reported that the grant amount is $300,000. FAA share is $285,000, County share is $7,500.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lalukota, seconded by Supervisor Kinowski, to authorize an Avigation Easement with James and Debra Zaloga. Unanimous.
This is in a subdivision in the Town of Milton that is adjacent to Runway 14. Mr. Cooke gave a brief overview of other easements at the Airport. Discussion ensued.

Discussion took place regarding the airport restaurant opening date which is scheduled for May 1st. There is also a community room available for public use.

Mr. Bulger reported that the State Department of Homeland Security conducted a drill recently at the Airport. The drill was regarding emergency response in the event of a small plane crash. Emergency Management and several first responders participated.

On a motion made by Supervisor Kinowski, seconded by Supervisor Lalukota, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese M. Connolly, Clerk of the Board