



**La Porte Airport Advisory Board  
MINUTES  
December 09, 2025**

**Members Present:** In person: David Kagey, Position 2, Deborah Rihn-Harvey, Position 3, Bryan Gwin, Position 4, Shane Worsham, Position 5, Robbie McLarrin, Position 7.

**Members Absent:** Dan Marouf, Position 1, Mark Follis, Position 6.

**Others Present:** Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works, Andrew Brady, Assistant Director of Public Works, Corby Alexander, City Manager, Tashonda Ingle, Department Coordinator, Tom Dodson, Civil PEs.

1. The La Porte Airport Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Ray Mayo.
2. There were no citizen comments.
- 3.a Robbie McLarrin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 13, 2025. David Kagey seconded. Unanimously approved.
- 3.b. Ray Mayo presented and discussed the results of the most recent airport inspection, conducted on November 4, 2025. The inspector identified several items requiring corrective action. The primary concern noted was on the Runway 5 approach, where a series of power poles encroach into the approach path. For a FAR Category C runway, a clear 20:1 approach is required; however, the existing poles currently provide only a 15:1 slope at one location. The City of La Porte is actively working with CenterPoint Energy to address this issue, as the poles were replaced by CenterPoint following Hurricane Beryl. CPE has proposed taking the transmission lines underground at this location. Other issues noted on the inspection are being addressed.
- 3.c Ray Mayo provided an update on the Airport Layout Plan. He reported that Chandra Burks of Coffman Associates, Inc. has been assigned as the project planner. A project kickoff meeting is expected to be held in January.
- 3.d Ray Mayo provided an update on the Controlled Access Gates Project. He explained that delays were primarily due to meeting IT requirements with the hardware. The preferred vendor was able to obtain a cooperative purchasing contract. Ray distributed exhibit handouts illustrating the planned gate designs to give board members a clearer understanding of the project scope.

He noted that card readers will be installed as part of the access system and that temporary parking tie-downs may be identified with paint. Tri-Star previously expressed interest in releasing some tie-downs from their lease for the temporary parking to enable fly-in visitors to the tearoom or other short-term parking. Ray also indicated that the gate area near the Tea Room will be prioritized as the first phase of implementation. The Board engaged in a discussion regarding various parking options.

3.e Ray Mayo provided an update on the National Guard building and lease. He reported that a developer, Brim Aviation, has expressed interest in the property. Ray stated that he met with representatives of the National Army Guard in October, during which they agreed to resample a location affected by a hydraulic oil spill. The results will be submitted to TCEQ to determine if reduced monitoring could be conducted in lieu of remediation. Ray further noted that on December 2nd, he received a response from the Army National Guard that they would obtain quotes for the required sampling to take place soon after the first of the year.

3.f Board Comments: David Kagey inquired about the timeline for when we would have something to discuss on the Airport Layout Plan. Shane Worsham asked about the timeline for action regarding the National Guard building.

4. Debby Rihn-Harvey made motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Shane Worsham seconded the motion. Unanimously approved

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ON THIS DAY \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman