

Platteville Airport Commission Meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025, 6:00

PM. The meeting was held in person at Platteville Municipal Airport, 5157 Highway 80, Platteville, WI

TL; DR – Platteville Airport Commission (Oct. 13, 2025)

- Meeting called to order by Brian Whisenant (Chair absent).
- New Airport Manager: Nathan, a Platteville native with prior airport experience. Thanks given to ApexJC for quick hiring support.
- Budget 2026: Discussion focused on transparency; Commission agreed on a 2.92% CPI rent increase.
- Flight Training: Strong interest in local training; FAA-rated simulator ready. Flight school proposal to be reviewed on Teams within two weeks.
- Sinkhole Report: Localized issue (not under pad); drainage improvements and grout injection planned.
- Snow Removal Lease: Standard lease approved by City Attorney; awaiting county response.
- Jet Fuel Pump: Wrong pump/motor type installed; temporary fix done; long-term replacement under review.
- Treasurer's Report: Payments approved unanimously.
- Manager's Report:
 - Retaining wall and siding needed for Dustin's 6-bay hangar.
 - ADS-B tracker down (seeking quotes).
 - Box hangar still for lease.
 - o Santa Fly-In scheduled for Dec. 13, 2025.
- Adjourned: 7:30 PM, unanimous.

Meeting Notes:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Whisenant, acting as Chair in William Kloster's absence.

2. Attendance

Commissioners Present: Lynnette Dornak, Brian Whisenant, Douglas Bartlett, James Berglund, Kaleb Regoli, Tony McFall, and City Liaison Nicola Maurer.

Absent: William Kloster (Chair). Guest: Dauston (Anna's father). Staff: Nathan (Airport Manager).

3. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes by James Berglund, seconded by Douglas Bartlett. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizens' Comments, Observations, and Petitions

None noted.

5. Introduction of New Airport Manager

The Commission welcomed Nathan, the new Airport Manager, who brings prior airport experience and is originally from Platteville.

If attendance requires special accommodation needs, please contact (608)348-9741, ext. 2238

Note: Special thanks were extended to ApexJC for their prompt assistance in filling the position.

6. 2026 Budget Review (led by Kyle – ApexJC)

Discussion focused on improving visibility and clarity in the upcoming 2026 budget adoption process.

Topics included:

- Whether to increase hangar rent.
- Fuel sales trends (increase or decrease).
- Ongoing maintenance needs.

Following discussion, the Commission reached consensus with Kyle (ApexJC) to implement a 2.92% CPI increase for annual rent.

7. Flight Training at the Airport

Discussion covered new opportunities and interest in flight training:

- Several individuals are interested in instruction.
- Final budget approval is pending.
- The simulator on-site is FAA-rated.
- A flight school remains a key need for the airport.
- The proposed instructor is prepared to begin operations.
- Proposal includes subsidizing hangar space and fuel to support startup.
- Potential exists for twin-engine training opportunities.
- Student pilots are currently training on a Cessna 172; certification is expected within two weeks.

The Commission agreed to review the finalized business plan via Microsoft Teams within two weeks. Motion to proceed pending business plan approval was supported unanimously.

8. Sinkhole Repair Report

- Localized sinkhole identified; not under the concrete pad.
- Grout injection will be used to stabilize the affected area.
- The apron currently funnels water toward the sinkhole; drainage and curbing improvements are recommended.
- Updated scans will be included in the forthcoming engineering report.

9. Lease of Snow Removal Equipment

- Discussion held regarding leasing existing snow removal equipment.
- The standard lease agreement defines responsibilities, payment, and insurance coverage.
- The City Attorney reviewed and approved the terms.
- Awaiting response from Grant County; APEX continues to follow up.
- The Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) has been contacted.
- Redundant snow removal capacity is available.

10. Updates

Jet Fuel Pump Status

- Ongoing issues with the jet pump were discussed.
- PSE determined the pump and motor combination were not ideal for fuel use; replacement is recommended.
- Manager Nathan will contact another company for a second opinion.
- Temporary fixes have restored functionality, resolving previous 100LL line air issues.
- Long-term solutions will be explored collaboratively.

BOA and City Matters

- No new updates from the Bureau of Aeronautics.
- No new updates from the City Liaison.

11. Treasurer's Report - September 2025

Motion to approve checks and payments by Kaleb Regoli, seconded by Douglas Bartlett. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Manager's Report

- 1. Dustin's six-bay hangar requires a retaining wall and replacement tin siding for long-term reinforcement.
- 2. The ADSB tracker is currently offline; it is operated voluntarily. Manager Nathan will obtain quotes for repair or replacement.
- 3. The box hangar continues to be marketed for lease.
- 4. The Santa Fly-In is tentatively scheduled for December 13, 2025.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by James Berglund, seconded by Kaleb Regoli. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Author Note 1: Please view the packet with these minutes for all details on:

https://www.platteville.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/airport_commission/meeting/packets/58774/10.13.2025_airport_commission_packet.pdf

Author Note 2: Email Kaleb Regoli (regolik@uwplatt.edu) with any concerns or if you'd like to join us next month!

Last Update November 10th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaleb Regoli
Secretary
Platteville Airport Commission