



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD AT PEKIN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
13906 AIRPORT LN. PEKIN, IL 61554
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025 AT 3:00 PM
CHAIRMAN HUEY PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Chairman Steve Huey called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM
Chairperson Huey confirmed all Commissioners were physically present.

Attendee Name	Commission	Title	Status	Arrived
Steve Huey	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Chairperson	Present	3:00 PM
Todd Thompson	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Present	3:00 PM
Steve Foster	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Absent	3:00 PM
Mike Reed	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Present	3:00 PM
Murray Brian	Pekin Municipal Airport Advisory Commission	Commission Member	Present	3:00 PM

Also Present: Michael Cruce, Airport Manager

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	[5 to 0] (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commissioner Thompson
SECONDER:	Commissioner Mike Reed
AYES:	Commissioners Huey, Thompson, Reed, and Brian

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Commissioner Reed to approve minutes of May 28, 2025 and August 8, 2025 jointly, seconded by Todd Thompson.

Motion passed unanimously

4.1. Minutes from the May 28, 2025 Meeting

4.2. Minutes from the August 15, 2025 Meeting

Correction noted: agenda listed August 15; correct date is August 8.

- Attendance correction: Steve Foster was absent from the August 8 meeting.

Public Input

none

Manager Reports

6.1. T-Hangar Construction and Pavement project wrap up

Construction complete; final landscaping (seeding, mulching, grading) pending after August 20 per state rules.

Asphalt: 4 inches thick with 12 inches of rock base, raised 2 inches above grass line.

Closeout will occur after grass establishment, likely in 2026.

Hangars are open; approximately six new tenants have moved in. Four hangars remain vacant, with advertising to follow via flyers and social media.

6.2. Airport Solar Project cancellation with Alder Energy

Alder Energy canceled its planned solar lease following loss of federal subsidies in July.

Although City Council approved the lease unanimously, Alder withdrew before signing due to financial infeasibility and Ameren's lengthy interconnect timeline.

Lesson learned: future projects should require upfront due diligence payments and letters of intent.

No effect on the farm lease; renewal discussions underway to align with FAA farming plat requirements.

New Business

7.1. Fuel Tank replacement project

Project total: \$1,065,000, funded by \$800,000 state grant, ~\$100,000 in fuel tax and CARES Act funds, and \$25,000 local budget amendment.

Brandt Construction awarded the contract; pre-construction to begin soon.

Tank removal RFP to be published separately; estimated cost \$40,000–\$42,000.

No interruption to fueling operations expected during construction.

7.2. Terminal Roof Replacement project

Estimated at \$150,000, funded through state allocation.

Scope: complete tear-off to metal deck, new sloped foam insulation (R-25 to R-27), and EPDM/rubber membrane installation.

Architect preparing specifications; \$5,000 estimated fee.

Anticipated construction: Spring/Summer 2026.

7.3. Virtower traffic monitoring by state department of aeronautics

State installed ADS-B tracking antennas to record operations at every Illinois airport.

Data will refine fuel tax allocations and provide real-time tracking on airport monitors.

Non-ADS-B aircraft will not be captured but may be estimated by state multipliers.

7.4. T-Hangar HVAC, electrical, wall attachment, modification spec suggestions.

Draft hangar modification form introduced.

Standards include:

- No drilling in walls or floors.
- Unistrut with beam clamps required for attachments.
- Electrical modifications by licensed electricians with permits and inspections.
- Foam board insulation (not spray foam), taped and fireproof painted.

All modifications require approval via the form; unauthorized work prohibited.

Other Business

- Carport Request: Contractor Jeff Worms requested permission to erect a temporary carport for equipment storage during his three-year contract. Consensus was to permit under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with liability provisions, not a lease. Carport must be removed at the end of the contract.

- Community Recognition: The Commission recognized the passing of Ted Lambasio and honored his lifelong contributions to aviation, including training 138 private pilots and leaving a lasting impact on the Pekin aviation and central Illinois Aviation community.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm