



**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, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 AT 3:00 PM
 CHAIRMAN HUEY PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to Order

The February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Pekin Airport Advisory Commission was called to order at 3:12 PM.

Commission member Foster was Absent.

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

Approval of Minutes

3.1. Minutes from the January 27, 2026 Meeting

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the minutes from January 24, 2024

RESULT:	[4 to 0] (UNANIMOUS)
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MOVER:	Commissioner Reed
SECONDER:	Commissioner Thompson
AYES:	Commissioners Huey, Thompson, Reed, and Brian

Public Input

One member of the public Rick Woldow inquired about the process for renewing a hangar lease.

The Airport Manager advised that:

- A written request via email is required to initiate the renewal process
- Renewals will be processed closer to expiration and presented to City Council
- Lease terms will follow the standard structure and current rates

No further public comments were received.

New Business

5.1. Fuel Tank construction ramp closure and estimated timeline.

The Airport Manager provided an update on the fuel tank replacement project:

- Construction is anticipated to begin **mid-March 2026**
- New tanks are expected to be **operational by May (possibly early June)**
- The project includes slab work, tank installation, and new piping

Operational Impacts:

- Ramp closure east and south of the fuel system
- Taxiway Alpha-3 will be closed
- Two aircraft parking positions near the terminal will be unavailable
- **Fuel island and west ramp tie-downs will remain open**
- Construction traffic will utilize the front gate
- Temporary barricades and signage will be installed
- Fuel service interruptions are expected to be minimal (estimated 1–2 weeks)

5.2. Fuel tank removal bid awarded by council

The Airport Manager reported that:

- The tank removal contract was awarded to **RCRA, Inc. dba Earth Services**
- **Contract amount:** \$38,000
- Four bids were received

Project Considerations:

- Removal requires coordination with the Fire Marshal and EPA
- Approximately **3 weeks advance notice** is required for scheduling
- Soil testing will be conducted following removal

Environmental:

- Any contamination will be handled through the **LUST Fund**
- The City is responsible for a \$5,000 deductible

5.3. North gate access system replacement

The Airport Manager outlined plans to modernize the gate access system:

- Replacement of the barrel key system with a **digital access system**
- Features include:
 - Keypad entry codes
 - License plate recognition camera
 - Optional key fob access

Implementation:

- Installation expected within **1–2 months**
- Requires Wi-Fi connectivity and system integration
- Tenants will receive access codes and must provide license plate information

Benefits:

- Improved security and access control
- Ability to revoke access when tenants leave
- Cost-effective solution (~\$1,500 vs. significantly higher vendor quotes)

5.4. Army National Guard Sling Load OPS

The Manager discussed the approval of Air National Guard training operations:

- Operations include **helicopter sling-load and landing exercises.**

- Activities will occur in designated areas on airport property.

Operational Details:

- Aircraft will coordinate via radio and yield to civilian traffic.
- Training includes dust landings and hover operations.
- A memorandum of understanding governs operations and liability
 - Military operations will be tracked and reported
 - Potential participation in community events (e.g., aircraft displays)

5.5. T-Hangar 1-20 light fixture replacement with Ameren provided new LED lights

The Airport Manager reported on participation in an Ameren energy efficiency program:

- LED lighting fixtures are being provided **at no cost**
- Includes wall packs and high-bay/UFO lights

Improvements:

- Replacement of outdated lighting in hangars
- Installation of motion-sensor lighting systems
- Reduced energy consumption and operating costs

Additional Maintenance Updates:

- Hangar E lighting and electrical improvements underway
- Heater replacement and gas line upgrades in progress
- Windsock replacement ordered following storm damage
- PAPI lighting boards replaced due to suspected lightning damage

Adjourn

A motion was made by Murray Brian to Adjourn the meeting
Seconded by Mike Reed

The meeting was Adjourned at 3:51pm