FLATHEAD MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	September 23, 2026
PLACE:	Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell, Montana
TIME:	4:00 P.M.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Michael Jackola Dennis Beams Rick Janisse Marc Liechti Tarn Abell Duncan Scott
BOARD MEMBERS VIRTUAL:	Giuseppe Caltabiano
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
STAFF PRESENT:	Rob Ratkowski, Airport Director Jennifer Donofiro, Director of Finance Ashley Hahn, Staff Accountant Daniel Reimer, Director of Development Julie Salyer, Director of Administration Stephanie Denys, Receptionist Charlie House, Contract Specialist Will Monin, Projects and Development Coordinator
STAFF VIRTUAL:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	None
OTHERS VIRTUAL:	LaMonte Forgays & Shawn Baker, SQD; Andrew Pulliam, Mead & Hunt; Iver Retrum, Business Aviation Group;

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Flathead Municipal Airport Authority (FMAA) was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Mr. Scott.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Ratkowski introduced the guests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2026

The meeting minutes from the August 19, 2026, regular meeting were presented and considered.

MOTION: Mr. Jackola moved to approve the August 19, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes.
SECOND: Mr. Liechti
MOTION PASSED: 7-0

GENERAL UPDATES

Terminal Project Update

Mr. Pulliam and Mr. Forgays provided an update on the Terminal Project, sharing that concrete work is currently underway. Most sidewalks and curbs are expected to be completed this fall. Any remaining work will be completed next spring along with the remainder of the project.

Runway Project Update

Mr. Ratkowski shared that the Runway Project is complete, including all grooving and pavement markings. The Board commented on the excellent finished appearance of the runway and expressed their satisfaction with the final results.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Business Items 1 – Jacob's Task Order 61 – Design and Bidding Services for Construction of Taxiway E7 and NEPA Environmental Assessment

Mr. Reimer presented this item to the Board explaining that it covers AIP-eligible preliminary design and environmental work for the future Taxiway E7 connector and Trumbull Creek in the planned south general aviation area, east of Taxiway Bravo and Runway 2-20A. brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Beams made a motion to approve and authorize the Airport Director to sign Task Order 61 with Jacobs Engineering in the amount of $817,350.00.
SECOND: Mr. Janisse
MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Business Item 2 – Award of Contract - ATCT Refurbishment and ATC Voice Communication Systems

Mr. Ratkowski and Mr. Reimer presented this item to the Board. They shared that the current Air Traffic Control Tower at GPIA was constructed in 2001, and many of its systems have reached the end of their useful life. Airport Operations, Maintenance, and IT staff worked with tower

controllers and Jacobs Engineering to identify systems and equipment requiring updates or replacement. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Jackola made a motion to approve and authorize the Airport Director to sign a contract with Swank Enterprises for ATCT Refurbishment and ATC Voice Communication Systems in the amount of $1,660,596.19.
SECOND: Mr. Abell
MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Business Items 3 – Equipment Acquisition - Tractor

Mr. Ratkowski presented this item to the Board, sharing that the multipurpose tractor will add essential year-round equipment to the maintenance fleet, replacing a similar 2008 model. The tractor will primarily be used for mowing and snow removal, along with other airport maintenance activities. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Janisse made a motion to approve and authorize the Airport Director to sign a contract with Aebi Schmidt (M-B Companies, Inc) for procurement of an MB7BT Multipurpose in the amount of $530,553.94
SECOND: Mr. Liechti
MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Business Items 4 – Equipment Acquisition – Toolcat

Mr. Ratkowski presented this item to the Board, sharing that the Toolcat will add versatile, year-round equipment to the maintenance fleet. Compatible with multiple attachments, the Toolcat will support a variety of landside and airside maintenance activities. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Mr. Liechti made a motion to approve and authorize the Airport Director to sign a contract with Bobcat of Northwest Montana for procurement of a Bobcat UW56 in the amount of $75,234.28.
SECOND: Mr. Janisse
MOTION PASSED: 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

FINANCIALS

Financial Statements – Ms. Donofiro presented the July 2026 financials.

August Check Summaries – Ms. Donofiro presented the August 2026 check summaries for checks numbered 53434 through 53580 and the direct deposits for the August payroll periods.

MOTION: Mr. Beams made a motion to approve the July 2026 financials and the August 2026 check summaries as presented.
SECOND: Mr. Jackola
MOTION PASSED: 7-0

MANAGEMENT REPORT - ATTACHED

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Jackola announced the date for the next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

ADJOURN

Mr. Jackola adjourned the meeting at 5:14 P.M.

Approved: _____
Duncan Scott
Board Chairman

Attest: _____
Rob Ratkowski
Airport Director