



**Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
Airport Board minutes**

**Airport Terminal Meeting Room – 1684 230<sup>th</sup> St, Independence, IA 50644**  
"The Airport Board's mission is to advise the Council in developing the future of Independence aviation."

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Vicki Pilcher.

**Roll Call:**

Present – Janet Payne, Merritt Jones, Vicki Pilcher, Brad Lichty,  
Absent: Jeff Rottinghaus (Unexcused)  
Others in attendance – Airport Director Brett Soukup

**Approve the Agenda:**

Motion – Jones      Second – Lichty      Ayes – All

**Approve the Minutes:**

Motion – Pilcher      Second – Jones      Ayes – All

**Approve Special Meeting Minutes:**

Motion      - Pilcher      Second – Lichty      Ayes - All

**Public Comment:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RAGBRAI 2026:**

Discussion regarding the Oshkosh, WI, event and airplane refueling during the week of July 18, 2026, and RAGBRAI. A discussion regarding RAGBRAL was held regarding camping outside the airport fence. If the committee finds it acceptable and wants to, they are welcome to discuss it further with the City.

**Engineer Update:**

Brett met with the engineering firm to discuss the project and begin development of specifications for the new SRE equipment. The engineering firm is currently working on those specifications, which will be reviewed once they are completed.

**Chairman/City Manager Updates:**

There were no updates from the chairman/city manager.

**Airport Director Update:**

Brett shared that there are more bearings to be replaced on the mower, the south gate needs repair, and the inside corner of the SRE building needs repair.

After Brett's suggestion, the board agreed to release Randy Munoz from the Request for Proposal process, as a final selection has been made.

**Revenues and Expenses:**

The budget report was reviewed for revenues and expenses to date.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Motion – Jones      Second – Payne      Ayes – All

Submitted by: Brad Lichty, Secretary