

Independence Airport Board
September 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Callahan at 5:00 PM. Those present were Merritt Jones, Dan Callahan, Vickie Pilcher, and Janet Payne. Also present were Kade Korsi, representing P&N, City Manager Matt Schmitz, and Airport Manager Brett Soukup. Jeff Rottinghaus arrived at 5:06.

Upon a motion to approve the agenda by Merritt Jones, seconded by Vicki Pilcher, It was unanimously agreed to accept the agenda.

Upon a motion by Vicki Pilcher, seconded by Dan Callahan, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There was no public comment presented.

There was no report from the Engineer or the city manager.

Language for RFPs for Flight School, and Mechanic proposals were reviewed, and amendments were suggested.

Upon a motion by Vicki Pilcher, seconded by Janet Payne, it was unanimously agreed to accept the language for RFPs as amended.

Airport manager Brett Soukup reported that the airport had accepted a student from Independence High School as an intern. He reminded the board that CIP discussions would be conducted at the November meeting. He is also in the process of hiring a receptionist.

Kade Korsi, representing P&N, reported that he is making preparations for P&N's departure from the airport at the end of September.

Merritt Jones reported to the board that he had completed incorporation papers for a flying club at Independence. Bylaws were being researched, and member recruitment would begin as soon as organizational details were finalized.

At 6:02, Vicki Pilcher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Janet Payne. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

Submitted by:

Merritt Jones