A regular meeting of the Texarkana Regional Airport was held in the Airport Air Rescue Fire Fighting Building, 2500 TXK Blvd, Texarkana, Arkansas.

# **Board Members**

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# Mr. Rob Sitterley

Economic Representative



# Mr. Paul Mehrlich

# Executive Director of Aviation

**Roll Call:** Mike Mayo called the meeting to order. Shannon Elliott called the roll.

**Guests and Public Comments:**



Mitch Rose Ken Shuman Eric Pfeifer

Matthew Vineyard Justin Spinks Mark Stodola

Bill Mayfield Josh Ruminer Steven Hollibush

Brandon Sanders Stephon Gamble

No comments were made by the public.

**Consent Agenda:**

* + Minutes of Meeting scheduled Jan 31, 2024
	+ Financial Report – Period Ending Jan 31, 2024

David Baumgardner made a motion to approve the Jan 2024 Minutes of Meeting and Financial Report Period Ending Jan 31, 2024; Adger Smith seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

**Airport Director’s Report:** Paul Mehrlich presented the Director’s Report with updates on the new terminal and various phases as well as the closing out of Grant 49. Mr. Mehrlich gave an explanation on the events for the Solar Eclipse and the anticipation of planes flying into TXK.

The Master Plan was discussed with the draft final being reviewed by airport staff then hard copies to TRAA and city councils for review. Then there will be plans to move away from paper for submission to the FAA for review/final approval. He also discussed the status of the GIS Tool & Part 139 inspection tool.

Mr. Mehrlich announced the website will be updated with a photo shoot to take place in March. There was also a discussion on the final pricing and status for the taxiways/apron; an electric/signage update and schedule for landscaping was given .

The Director presented the status on various real estate items. With regards to Harvest Ministries, he announced that the attorney is reviewing language in the sales contract. He also announced he and Brandon Sanders will be attending an MRO conference in April and have two meetings currently set.

Forming an advising committee was suggested for the issue of homeowners affected by the lengthening and strengthening of the runway with March as a briefing then before the Board in April and then open to the public for comments.

Mr. Mehrlich announced that the Army National Guard will not be renewing their lease but asked for a 3-month extension. There was a motion made by Matt Robertson to extend the lease by 3 months. Adger Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mehrlich gave a summary of the RFQ for advertising with all packets to be received by March 1st. David Potter and Matt Roberston will help review the proposals.

The Director will attend a JumpStart conference in May. Leakage was explained and how studies would help. It was suggested that Meade & Hunt under Coffman conduct the studies. Adger Smith made a motion and Robin Hickerson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

An Air Show in 2026 was discussed for the airport’s 100th anniversary. Mr. Mehrlich has been working with Brandon Sanders and the event will be headed up by Texarkana College with the airport providing support. It was noted that a separate account for funds be set up. Concerns were raised regarding funding and the MOU. David Potter made a motion to move forward with opening an account for the air show funds. Matt Robertson seconded it. Robin Hickerson opposed the motion. David Potter made a motion to move forward with the MOU upon approval of counsel, and Ronald Bruce seconded. Robin Hickerson opposed the motion. A motion for a resolution was made by Matt Robertson and seconded by David Potter. Robin Hickerson opposed.

Mr. Mehrlich announced that the Caddo Nation is pleased with the native statue for the new terminal and will have a ceremony once it is placed at the new terminal. The deer statue is ready to be bronzed.

**T**he metric totals for January 2024 were presented by the Director in conclusion to his report.

**Old/New Business:** None.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjourn:** Matt Robertson made a motion to adjourn. David Potter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.