Cape Girardeau Regional Airport Advisory Board Meeting – Minutes
OCTOBER 13, 2026

The Cape Girardeau Regional Airport Advisory Board held its regular meeting on October 13, 2026, at 11:30 am in the airport conference room.

Board Members Present:
Keith Boeller, Chair
Kent Ward, Vice Chair
Justin Davidson, Board Member (via phone)
John Russell, Board Member
Shawn Wasson, Board Member
Bruce Loy, Board Member
Nancy Kopp, Board Member
Mark Mehner, Board Member
Matthew Gadberry, Board Member

Staff Present:
JoJo Stuart, Airport Manager
Audrey Lorch, Airport Support Spec.
Mark Bliss, City Council Liaison

Appearances – Doug Gannon – Parks Department

Absent: NA

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes—Mr. Boeller called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Mr. Mehner moved to approve the September 2026 minutes. Mr. Ward seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

1) **Old Business -**

- **Airport Activity Report—**Mr. Stuart reported that September enplanements dipped as schools and universities resumed. He also reported that CGI has met its 10,000-enplanement goal.

  CGI will have a scheduled charter flight in November. The SEMO Redhawks football team will fly to Charleston Southern.

- **Cape Aviation Report –** Mr. Stuart reports that Jet A fuel sales are up 27% YTD; 100 low lead is about the same as last year. Fuel prices have been increased to offset fuel farm repair costs.

- **Jet Bridge Grant –** Mr. Stuart has met with consultants Burns and Mac to review cost projections for the bridge. The cost came in at over 3 million. The grant was for 1,325,000.00, and with the city match, the total will be 1,500,000.00. At this time, the City

cannot take on that expense. Mr. Stuart is now looking into used or refurbished bridges. Further discussion on this topic.

- **Fuel Farm Negotiations –** Mr. Stuart reported that the City's finance department has been exploring financing options with a local bank. They are in the final stages of negotiations.

- **Request for Proposal (RFP) Remote Tower –** Burns and Mac, as well as Mr. Stuart, have reached out, with no word yet. Mr. Stuart met with Senator Schmitt's office and his representatives a few weeks ago. Mr. Stuart is still waiting to hear back.

- **ARFF Training Exercise –** The triennial exercise went well. It was a valuable opportunity for first responders to use their new software alongside the EMT, Fire, and Police Departments on-site.

2) **New Business –**

- **New ARFF Vehicle Inspection –** Mr. Stuart and one of the city's mechanics traveled to South Carolina to inspect a 2003 Index 3 fire truck. The inspection went well, and the city will deliver the truck shortly. This will now give us two serviceable trucks.

Closed session: Parks Division – Doug Gannon, Director – Motion to Enter Closed Session, moved by Mr. Wasson and seconded by Mr. Loy. All members were present to discuss a potential increase in the tourism/restaurant tax.

Reconvene Open Meeting - Mr. Wasson first, Ms. Kopp second.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Annual Christmas AAB meeting will be at Dalhousie Golf Club. Date and time to be determined.

Adjournment - With no other business, Mr. Loy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ward seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

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Audrey Lorch, Airport Support Specialist