

The regular monthly meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority was held December 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Airport Customs and Operations Building. Board members present were Carl Lehrkind, Ted Mathis, Karen Stelmak, and Ted Barkley. Also present were Brian Sprenger - CEO, Aaron Collins – CCO, Chris Pomeroy - COO, and Troy Watling - CFO.

Mr. Lehrkind, Board Chairman, welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the Gallatin Airport Authority Board and called the meeting to order. Mr. Lehrkind announced the retirement of Bill Dove, Chief of Public Safety, and thanked him for his 18 years of service at BZN.

1. Review and approve minutes of regular meeting held November 13, 2025

Mr. Lehrkind asked if everyone had received their copy of the minutes and if they had any corrections or additions. There were none.

MOTION: Mr. Mathis moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held November 13, 2025. Mr. Barkley seconded the motion, and all board members voted aye. The motion carried.

2. Public Comment Period

Bryan Rogan, from the Outlaw Country Subdivision, said he was making a public comment regarding the noise issues that have been ongoing for 3 years. Mr. Rogan said he is sometimes woken up in the morning by the touch and go operations from the flight schools and sometimes has to mute his zoom meetings due to the noise. Sometimes Mr. Rogan has to leave his house to study or work at the library, or elsewhere, because of the noise impacts. The noise prevents Mr. Rogan from leaving his windows open in the summer and cannot talk

with neighbors during those operations. Mr. Rogan expressed frustration indicating that in his opinion, nothing is being done to resolve the noise complaints.

Mr. Rogan reviewed the various entities they have discussed the issue with, including the FAA, county, city, Montana Aeronautics, control tower, and flight schools. Mr. Rogan said all entities told them to address it with the Gallatin Airport Authority. Mr. Rogan said it appears to him that the engineers, Morrison-Maierle, are the ones making the decision not to do anything, indicating that should not be their decision to make.

3. Consider Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for East Terminal Expansion Schedule IV

Mr. Sprenger said this includes 5 boarding bridges for the new gates and relocating the 2 temporary bridges. There is also an option for pre-conditioned air which uses the air conditioning from the boarding bridge to provide air to the airplane instead of an external ground unit. We have had discussions with the airlines about that to reduce ramp congestion. We would work with the airlines to pay for that separately. The original overall estimate was \$9.2 million. The revised estimate was \$7.527 million. The actual came in at \$6,505,393, including the air piece to be reimbursed by the airlines.

The remaining items for the project include food service, technology and the apron which is estimated at \$10.6 million. We are still looking at a total cost for the terminal project of \$178 million compared to the original budget of \$190 million.

Unfortunately, there is an 18-month waiting period on the boarding bridges which puts us into the summer of 2027 for delivery and installation by late fall 2027. We will have the gate, and it will be a ground boarding gate. Last year we purchased boarding ramps for ground boarding.

Mr. Sprenger said staff are in the process of establishing an agreement with the airlines on the pre-conditioned air units. Staff expect it to be similar to the de-icing facility and be a separate add on to the rates and charges. We don't foresee this as being a problem. We don't have final approval but have a meeting next week on a couple matters. We foresee it will go well.

MOTION: Mr. Barkley moved to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by Martel Construction for \$6,505,393 for the East Terminal Expansion Schedule IV. Ms. Stelmak said it is impressive, well put together and seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. The motion carried.

Drone footage of the progress on the project was presented.

4. Consider request by Kristi Dunks to amend Non-Commercial lease on hangar EV1 and add additional sq ft, construct hangar enhancements, and offer new lease once hangar construction is completed

Kristi Dunks, owner of Hangar EV1 came to the podium and listed her aircraft. Ms. Dunks would like to expand her hangar to store more aircraft and create a workshop space to restore vintage aircraft and introduce youth to aircraft.

MOTION: Mr. Stelmak moved to approve the request by Kristi Dunks to amend Non-Commercial lease on hangar EV1 and add additional sq ft, construct hangar enhancements, and offer a new lease once hangar construction is completed. Mr. Mathis seconded the motion, and all board members voted aye. The motion carried.

5. Consider request by Zelif Aviation, LLC to assign the Commercial lease on hangar EU9 to WBG, LLC

Mr. Sprenger said this is the Ridgeline hangar on the south side. The hangar is in good shape, the rent is current, and staff recommends approval of the request.

Mr. Mathis asked if this will be operated by a private corporate facility. Mr. Sprenger said they don't anticipate commercial usage at this point.

MOTION: Mr. Mathis moved to approve the request by Zeliff Aviation, LLC to assign the Commercial lease on hangar EU9 to WBG, LLC. Mr. Barkley seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. The motion carried.

6. Consider request by Charrbe Aero, LLC to assign the Non-Commercial lease on hangar 165 to Clear Blue Sky Aviation, LLC

Mr. Sprenger said the hangar is in good condition, the rent is current, and staff recommends approval of the request.

MOTION: Ms. Stelmak moved to approve the request by Charrbe Aero, LLC to assign the Non-Commercial lease on hangar 165 to Clear Blue Sky Aviation, LLC. Mr. Barkley seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. The motion carried.

7. Airport Business Report – Aaron Collins

Tower operations for November were 8,965 which is 12.8% up from last November and down 1% year over year. Rolling 12-month operations were 119,486 which is 10,000 short of our 2023-2024 record. There were 455 corporate landings over 12,500 lbs., up 10.7% compared to last November and up almost 10% year over year. There were 570 corporate landings over 9,000 lbs. which is up 17.5% compared to last November and up 12.5% year over year. There were 16 customs clearances compared to 6 last November. Total revenue enplanements were 74,344, which is up 5.5% for the month and up 6.5% year over year. Rolling 12-month enplanements were 1,399,725, just short of 1.4 million in 12 months, a new record. Total deplanements were 72,161 which is a 7.3% increase since last November and up 6.3% year over year. Commercial airline landings were 766, which is up 15.5% compared

to last November and up 8.3% YTD. Due to having more seats, the overall load factor was 71.2%, which is down 9% from last November and down 1.8% YTD. Fuel dispensed for October was 1,522,108 million gallons, which is a 13.8% increase for the month and an 11.4% increase year over year.

The maintenance team acquired a Christmas tree and some wreaths. The terminal appearance team and others worked to decorate the tree a few nights prior.

8. Airport Operations Report – Chris Pomeroy

Mr. Pomeroy, COO, reported no major issues in security last month. They are still working through the transition with the new Transportation Security Inspector. Operations and Maintenance removed some snow in November. The snow removal operations went well and they are ready to go for the winter.

The Instrument Landing System (ILS) flight check for Category II was completed. We will not get the Category II capability until March when they publish it. The conventional ILS was back in service November 21st. The Runway Visual Range (RVR) is also available and its capability should be connected soon. The Runway 30 Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) has been delayed to September, originally May. We have a safety risk management panel scheduled for next week with the FAA for the Taxiway B extension project and should still be on track for the bid opening in February.

We are 95% moved into the new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) building. The new tanks for the permanent de-icing facility have been installed and look great.

Regarding the Federal contract tower to FAA process, Mr. Pomeroy has not heard directly from the FAA. Mr. Pomeroy said our tower manager heard from her bosses that the FAA is stepping back and re-examining Mesa and Bozeman for the pilot program. We may engage the congressional delegation if we need to. We should know more in the next month. Mr. Pomeroy is going to Washington, D.C. in early February.

Tower staffing remains stable. The tower manager feels comfortable and may increase the hours, perhaps in early January. Ms. Stelmak urged Mr. Pomeroy and staff to do everything possible to increase the staffed hours in the tower.

Mr. Pomeroy congratulated Lieutenant Rich McLane on taking over for Bill Dove as Chief of Public Safety.

9. Airport CEO Report – Brian Sprenger

Mr. Sprenger referred to an email from Meredith Moore with Senator Sheehy's office. We have worked with Sheehy's office on a congressionally directed spending request. It appears the committee has set aside \$4 million for an apron project associated with the terminal.

Overnight cars for November were 102% of the last year. December overnight parking month to date is 95% mostly due to Thanksgiving falling a day early. November concessions were 109% and December month to date is 106%. December month to date air traffic is 104%. We estimate December enplanements to be 6-8% higher. We should be close to 2.8 million total passengers for the year compared to last year with 2.6 million. We are still seeing additional flights from airlines here and there. JetBlue is adding Ft. Lauderdale service for 3 Saturdays in March. Overall, we have 8 airlines, serving 20 states, and 28 destinations. We

just moved from the 92nd to the 91st busiest airport in the nation, surpassing Rochester, NY. Rochester's metro population is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million. We have a population of about 130,000 in our area. Rochester has 6 airlines, 12 states, and 18 destinations. We are continuing to see significant growth. The lack of snow is a concern, but we have determined the impact is not as much as we thought. Half of the people who go to Aspen in the winter do not ski. We had little snow 2 years ago and we still had growth.

10. Consider bills and approve for payment

Standard bills for the month were sent in advance of the meeting. The additional bills were reviewed and detailed by Mr. Sprenger. Mr. Sprenger said they cannot explain the increase in customs operations. The customs operations are double what they were 2 years ago.

MOTION: Mr. Barkley moved to approve the bills for payment. Ms. Stelmak seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. The motion carried.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm.



Mr. Lehrkind IV, Board Chairman