

**Easton Airport
Advisory Board Meeting
May 17, 2023 at 9am**

Name	Organization
Micah Risher	Airport Manager
Jeff Lankford	Airport Business & Marketing Coordinator
Chip Kennedy	Airport Maintenance Director
Jane Warrington	Airport Office Manager
Jack Pettit	Airport Advisory Board - President
Rudy Strickland	Airport Advisory Board
Hugh Grunden	Airport Advisory Board
Pete Griffin	Airport Advisory Board
Jennifer Lutz	AECOM Airport Consultant
Derek Hollinger	AECOM Airport Consultant
Michelle Anstatt	Maryland Air
Tad Woodward	Trident Aviation
Archie DeJesus	Civil Air Patrol
Ursula Encarnacion	Easton Jet
Napoleon Martinez	Trident
Cheryl Mohrmann	Pilot

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2023

1. AIRFIELD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

FAA Grant Applications submitted on May 5, 2023. For FFY2024, Easton Airport is seeking \$11,213,120.00 in funding via the FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Airport Infrastructure Grant (BIL AIG) Program to begin the Airfield Modernization Program.

Bids for Construction Package 1 (Bid 23-04) were opened on April 13, 2023. Atlantic Contracting & Material Co., Inc. (Atlantic) was the lowest responsive bidder with a total bid amount of \$10,494,054.00.

AECOM's price proposal for professional engineering and construction phase services is \$701,432. An IFE was conducted by Midstate Consultants.



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FUNDING

- FAA AIP and BIL AIG grants will fund 90% of the project (\$10,091,808).
- Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) grants will fund 5% of “hard” construction costs (\$524,702.70).
- Easton Airport will fund 5% of the construction costs and 10% of the Administrative Expenses and Engineering Fees (\$596,609).

The proposed FY2024 Airport Budget includes \$638,789 to cover our local share of the project. An additional \$250,000 will be held in reserves.

The Talbot County Council has approved the funding, contingent on notification of AIP and BIL AIG grant award. Easton Airport will not issue “Notice to Proceed” to Atlantic or AECOM until FAA funding is assured.

Construction will begin in October 2023 with site prep/fencing

Major construction in 2024 will see periods of Runway closures

- 6 months of impacts for Rwy 4/22 (Monday – Friday, Coordinated Weekends)
- 1 month of impact for Rwy 15/33 (Continual for 30 days)
- One Runway will be available at all times in 2024

Airport Community is encouraged to schedule an airfield tour to learn more about the upcoming construction.

COMMUNICATION EFFORTS

- Airport Website – Airfield Modernization Page
- Airport Advisory Board Meetings
- Email and Newsletters
- ****NEW**** Text Message Alerts
- Signage will be placed at entry gates
- Please spread the word

TALBOT COUNTY BUSINESS CENTER

Site will transition to a construction zone in October 2023. Working with tenants on plans to exit as soon as possible. Leases expire June 30, 2023.

JOINT PERMIT APPLICATION (JPA) (NON-TIDAL WETLAND IMPACTS)



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Coordination continues Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on permitting and associated mitigation for the RW 4-22 project.

FOREST CONSERVATION ACT

Planting Plan sent to TOE on April 24, 2023.

2. AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVING SYSTEM (AWOS) REPLACEMENT

Mesotech AWOS is now in service. Online data available at kesn.awos.live

3. NAVAL ACADEMY POWERED FLIGHT PROGRAM

Begins Memorial Day weekend through mid-August; 140 students over 3 blocks
16 aircraft assigned to the program

4. AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Pilots are encouraged to review the noise abatement materials on the website and share them with the ESN community. It's everyone's responsibility to be a good neighbor.

5. MARYLAND REGIONAL AVIATION CONFERENCE (MRAC)

June 7-9, 2023, Information can be found at mdaviationcouncil.org

6. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

Updates from Business & Marketing Coordinator, Mr. Jeff Lankford

7. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Updates from Business & Marketing Coordinator, Mr. Jeff Lankford

8. AIRPORT MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Updates from Maintenance Director, Mr. Chip Kennedy

9. AIR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Updates from Tower Manager, Mr. Scott Stiefel



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10. FUEL OPERATION

Comparison of Jet-A as of April 2023 (23 Budget)				
Company	Apr. last Budget	Total 2022	Difference	% of Change
Easton Jet Service	313598	166735	-146863	-46.8%
Flight Support Services	276760	250906	-25854	-9.3%
Trident Services	116076	173819	57743	49.7%
NexGen	88641	212315	123674	139.5%
AeroVanti	0	1001	1001	NA
Airport Jet Total	795075	804776	9701	1.2%
Comparison of Avgas as of April 2023 (23 Budget)				
Company	Apr. last budget	Total 2022	Difference	% of Change
Easton Jet Service	20213	23383	3170	15.7%
Flight Support Services	17220	13920	-3300	-19.2%
Trident Services	41768	37616	-4152	-9.9%
NexGen	5023	9027	4004	79.7%
Airport Avgas Total	84224	83946	-278	-0.3%
Combined Fuel Totals	879299	888722	9423	1.1%

Combined Totals as of 5/16/2023 is **932,177** gallons sold

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

