

01/21/26 Advisory Board Meeting

Attendees

Name	Organization
Micah Risher	Airport Manager
Jeff Lankford	Airport Business Manager
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
Derek Hollinger	AECOM Airport Consultant
Derek Staubb	AECOM Airport Consultant
Michelle Anstatt	Maryland Air
Tad Woodward	Trident Aviation
Hunter Harris	Aloft Photography
Keith Graffius	Congressman Andy Harris' Office
Matt Doeler	

Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Airport Operations Update
3. Community Outreach
4. Business Development
5. Maintenance Department Updates
6. Air Traffic Operations
7. Airport Projects, Modernization Program, & Other Updates
8. Fuel Operations
9. Public Comments



Airport Modernization Program

Construction Package 2 - 2025

- Prime contractor: Reynolds Excavating
- Project is behind schedule; Original completion date was 9/30/25
- Major work items remain:
 - Stream Relocation
 - Final grading
- Anticipating completion in Spring 2026
- Funding is in place; FAA & MAA grants executed

Airport Modernization Program

Construction Package 3 – Base Bid 2026

- David A. Bramble, Inc. Will be the prime contractor
- Planning for Construction is underway
- Preconstruction meeting held 10/9/25
- Initial site visit 10/15/25
- Electrical Infrastructure will be the primary focus (New Vault, Regulators, Duct banks)
- Funding is in place; FAA & MAA grants executed
- Airport Closures dates in early 2026
 - Previously coordinated dates have been canceled

Easton Airport



Work Area

Airport Modernization Program

Construction Package 3 – Add Alternate 5

Runway 15/33 Maintenance

- Rehab of Runway 15/33 (crack fill, seal coat, paint) - MAA Special Grant
- New Signage (100% Airport Funded)
- Airport Closures dates in Spring 2026
 - Previously coordinated dates have been canceled

Airport Modernization Program

Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) 2027 Update

- ACIP planning meetings with FAA/MAA ongoing
- Updating 5-year funding plan and execution plan
- Projected \$6.7 million in AIP/IIJA funding for FFY2026
- FAA grant funding to cover 95% of costs
- MAA matching funding to cover 2.5% of hard costs
- ESN to fund 2.5% of hard costs and 5% of construction administration
- Funding will be included in Talbot County FY2027 Budget

Terminal Building Upgrades

- Former dining space will be ready for spring 2026.
- Vending will move along the main wall.
- Furniture, TV, and equipment on order next.
- 24/7 Access for pilots and air passengers.









Community and Business Outreach

Community Engagement & Upcoming Events

- 2025 ESN User Survey Complete
 - *Reviewing responses*
 - *Report results & action items in Feb*
- Hosting Rotary Food Distribution Event in the ACE Hangar
- Trades Career Exploration Field Trip & Lunch at ESN in February
- Discover Easton sponsor 2026
 - *Support Fire & Ice, Outdoor Movie Night, and more*



Community and Business Outreach



ACE Sponsored Field Trip

- Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum.
- 55 Talbot County High School students in career related courses or clubs.
- Many students have come to ACE events or airport tours. This trip provides more ways to explore the aerospace sector.
- Opportunity to expand and offer trips for more kids and to other museums.

Projects, Action Items, & 2026 Goals

Customer Relations

- Payment Processing Options – Improved manual process while awaiting updates on County's new processing company with new web payment solutions
- Key Cards & Driving Training Online – Online model in place, testing
 - Uploading tenant info into Teams, readying for 2026 training
- Noise Abatement Updates – Met with Airport Monitoring to review their systems
 - Automation pricing high, exploring in house solutions

Airport General

- Derelict/Older Aircraft – SW Ramp cleared
 - Working with tenants on older aircraft in hangars now
- Lot Development - Site surveying, economic opportunity meetings
- Fuel Farm – New meters, new fuel tracking/pricing, new processes
 - Meter purchase approved, tracking and SOP updates to follow
- **Terminal/Cafe (in progress, updates moved to agenda)**

Maintenance Department Update



Chip Kennedy, Maintenance Director

Fuel Farm – Metering System Upgrade



Jet A & AVGAS Upgrading to Total Control Systems TCS3000

- East Coast Aviation LLC will perform the install
- TCS3000 Electronic Register system will include an interface panel with 2 remote displays and registers to ensure accurate fuel dispensing.
- TCS Software will interface with computers in the Airport Office to allow for accurate and timely invoicing and improve inventory control.

Air Traffic Control Tower Update



Scott Stiefel, Air Traffic Manager

Air Traffic Control Tower Update

Year	Operations
2008	48,766
2009	48,393
2010	42,875
2011	45,132
2012	42,552
2013	48,777
2014	65,572
2015	74,581
2016	69,942
2017	71,971
2018	71,410
2019	73,515
2020	61,963
2021	73,201
2022	58,717
2023	65,789
2024	54,320
2025	52,554



Fuel Operations

Comparison of Jet-A as of Dec 2025 (2026 Budget)				
Company	Dec Last Budget	Total 2025	Difference	% of Change
Easton Jet	83616	102282	18666	22.3%
Flight Support Services	170142	181189	11047	6.5%
Trident	73185	62680	-10505	-14.4%
NexGen	80881	146901	66020	81.6%
Airport Jet Total	407824	493052	85228	20.9%
Comparison of Avgas as of Dec 2025 (2026 Budget)				
Company	Dec Last budget	Total 2025	Difference	% of Change
Easton Jet Service	10982	11231	249	2.3%
Flight Support Services	8422	6694	-1728	-20.5%
Trident	21480	16456	-5024	-23.4%
NexGen	7537	11804	4267	56.6%
Airport Avgas Total	48421	46185	-2236	-4.6%
Combined Fuel Totals	456245	539237	82992	18.2%
10 Year Average	403065	539237	136172	33.78%
<i>The 10 Year Average included total annual gallons from 2015 through 2025. The average was 806,130 annually.</i>				

Public Comment

No Comments Received



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AVIATION GATEWAY TO THE EASTERN SHORE

Thank You!

Next Meeting is Wednesday, February 18 at 9 a.m.