



Gillespie Field Development Council



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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2025
DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC
APPROVAL JANUARY 21, 2026**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Bob Davison	Jamie Abbott
Barry Bardack	Clifford Reinhart
James Sly	Lorie Maniss
Wheeler North	Murali Pasumarthi
Phyllis Trombi	

For others present, attendee log is available in the Airports Administration Building.

1. ROLL CALL

Council Chair Bob Davison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers Barry Bardack, Wheeler North and Phyllis Trombi were in attendance. Councilmember James Sly arrived after roll call.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Chair Bob Davison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Wheeler North moved to approve the September 17, 2025 minutes. Motion was seconded by Phyllis Trombi; motion passed.

5. COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

There was no Council Chair Report

6. AIRPORTS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Jamie Abbott presented updates on the following:

FAA Webinar-

- Due to the Government shutdown, the previously scheduled webinar was postponed. Further information to follow once a new date has been set.

Cajon Air Center-

- Program Coordinator Ursla Null will be taking lead on the project along with former retired staff member Anne Baldwin to maximize focus on the project.
- Development will require a phased approach due to the Bradley overpass construction.
- Anticipated timeline as follows:
 - First Quarter 2026- solicit market information through a Request for Information (RFI)
 - Second Quarter 2026- plan to develop a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - Third Quarter 2026- RFP open through selection
 - Fourth Quarter 2026- lease finalization and Board of Supervisors hearing

County staff are looking forward to working with the GFDC, airport partners and stakeholders to share this RFP and solicit the highest and best use for this last developable acreage at Gillespie Field.

County staff and engineering will be working to concurrently develop a plan for the taxi lane during this timeline, possibly in 2027 dependent on grant funding.

7. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

There was no Real Property Update.

8. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Assistant Airport Manager Clifford Reinhart presented the Airport Manager Update. The month of September had 17,137 operations. During that month, we received 326 noise complaints from two households. This included 252 overnight operations, in which there were 11 complaints received. In November there were 18,921 operations with 290 noise complaints received from five households. Overnight operations totaled 344 of which 9 complaints were received.

Gillespie Field will be the venue for a 5th grade class field trip from the Cajon Valley Union School District December 10, 2025. Roughly 80 to 100 students are expected to attend. Staff have coordinated with various stakeholders to participate and set up educational stations.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING FUTURE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Progress updates regarding the 70 Acres project be provided at each meeting including timeline
- Update on Rwy 17/35 progress
- Possible aircraft parts store

10. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

11. NEW BUSINESS

- GFDC Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

Council Chair Bob Davison presented the GFDC Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Councilmember Barry Bardack moved to approve the following motion and was seconded by Councilmember Wheeler North; motion passed.

“Gillespie Field Development Council recommends that the Chairperson sign the Annual Report for 2024, as proposed at the November 19, 2025 meeting.”

There was one public comment received regarding the direction and goals of the development council and Gillespie Field Airport regarding development.

Chairperson Davison suggested an airshow to help promote interest from the community in the airport.

Councilmember Wheeler North spoke about the need to have a documented vision and goal for the airport that is agreed upon by everyone to be used when soliciting future RFP's. He also discussed possible other groups that could assist in creating a strategic plan, including members of council and other airport groups.

Deputy Director of Public Works, Murali Pasumarthi, stated that staff were fully on board with this discussion. He also stated that there is already a sub committee within the County that can provide assistance with creating a vision for Gillespie.

Councilmember Sly suggested including input from neighboring cities and constituents when deciding on the best use of airport land.

Councilmember North and Chair Davison suggested that this idea be brought to the Gillespie Pilots Association to solicit ideas.

Mr. Pasumarthi stated that the County has experienced staff that can provide their knowledge with planning.

12. ADJOURN

Council Chair Bob Davison adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in City Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon.

By: _____
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