

Meeting Summary

NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee

July 20, 2026

1:30 p.m.

**Pecan Grove Convention Center
405 N. Las Vegas Trail
White Settlement, TX 76108**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 20, 2026. The meeting was hosted by the City of White Settlement.

Voting Members in Attendance

Dr. Larry Marshall, Chair, City of Benbrook
Dan Chisholm, Vice Chair, City of River Oaks
Jeff James, Secretary, City of White Settlement
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
Brian Libbey, City of Westworth Village
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook
Councilmember Phillip Poole, City of Westworth Village
Meagan P. South, Tarrant County
Mayor Faron Young, City of White Settlement

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Capt. Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Dan Kessler, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Isaac Manning II, Streams & Valleys
Audra Mead, White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce
Frank Molinar, White Settlement ISD
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
Megan Tucei, Texas Military Department

Others Present

Trent Davis, Help for Heroes-Mesa Springs
Allison Docker, City of Fort Worth
Ann Elias, White Settlement Chamber of Commerce
Evan Escher, Trinity Metro
James Hettinger, 301st Fighter Wing
Tekisha Hobbs, Fort Worth Documenter
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Carrie Kasnicka, Trust for Public Land

Rob Lineback, Ridgmar Neighborhood Association
Tom Loftis, Texas Military Department
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Tatum Parks, Leigh for TX
Larry Patterson, Ridgmar Neighborhood Association
Emily Randolph, Tarrant County Precinct 4
Tomi Root, The Office of Congressman Craig Goldman
Lt. Cmdr. Brian K. Scott, Navy Reserve Center Fort Worth
Leigh Wambsganss, Leigh for TX
Brandy Ward, The Office of Councilmember Michael D. Crain

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Jasmine Rodriguez
Amanda Wilson

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of April 27, 2026, Meeting Summary (Action)
4. Tenant Command Presentation: Navy Reserve Center
5. Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Award
6. Draft Legislative Program for the 90th Texas Legislature
7. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
8. Staff Reports, Kyle Roy, NCTCOG
 - Update on Meandering Road and Las Vegas Trail, Dan Kessler
 - FY27-28 Officer Nominating Committee
 - Reinitiating Defense Community Safety & Security Committee
 - Scheduling Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report
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Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge

Chair Larry Marshall called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

Item 2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting with committee and audience member introductions.

Item 3. Approval of April 27, 2026 Meeting Summary (Action)

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Councilmember Dan Chisholm. Jeff James seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Tenant Command Presentation: Navy Reserve Center

Lt. Cmdr. Brian K. Scott provided an overview of the Navy Reserve Center Fort Worth and its role in supporting Navy Reserve personnel. He reported that they were recently recognized as the Navy Reserve Center of the Year for the region and are competing for Navy Reserve Center of the Year across the entire reserve force. He attributed the achievement to the citizen sailors in Fort Worth and the surrounding communities and the employers who support sailors who serve on a part-time basis. Lt. Cmdr. Scott explained that the command comprises over 1,800 sailors in approximately 59 reserve units located across 48 states and six countries. These units support every combatant command in the world. The Navy Reserve Center Fort Worth's mission is to ensure reservists are fully trained, qualified, supported, and mission-ready.

In response to a question about the active-duty commands and specialties, Lt. Cmdr. Scott explained that the active-duty commands are supported by 58 units, including commission units such as squadrons and security forces. In response to a question about how to become a Navy Reservist, Lt. Cmdr. Scott explained that individuals may join through a Navy recruiting office or after prior military service and remarked that 40-60% of reservists have prior service.

Capt. Beau Hufstetler highlighted the advantage of NAS JRB Fort Worth as one of only two Navy reserve bases in the United States. He explained that the reserve provides flexible service opportunities for individuals entering military service straight out of high school, service members transitioning from active duty, or individuals with a penchant for military service who have never served before. He noted that reserve personnel may serve anywhere from the minimum of one weekend per month and two weeks per year to full-year mobilizations. He emphasized that the region's large population and the base's proximity to the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport enables the base's success in the Fort Worth area.

Mayor Faron Young expressed appreciation for the aircraft maneuvers observed around town and the "sound of freedom" and thanked service members for their service to the country.

Item 5. Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Award

Carrie Kasnicka, a project manager with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), provided an overview of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program. It is a federal program that establishes partnerships between military installations, nonprofit organizations, agencies, and landowners to protect bases and the surrounding areas. TPL has completed over 100 REPI projects in 15 states and recently entered into a multi-year agreement with the Navy installations in Texas. Carrie announced that TPL was awarded \$2.5 million for a conservation easement for a property adjacent to the base.

Carrie remarked that TPL leverages the cost-share program and successful partnerships rooted in communication and regional planning to achieve mutual success. This program seeks to reduce incompatible development, reduce encroachment risks, and protect natural habitats by utilizing conservation easements and land acquisitions. Conservation easements, also referred to as Restricted Use Easements, are used to monetize the protection of land by paying to limit development in perpetuity. Land acquisition is achieved through a 50% cost-share program that changes the ownership of land on the condition that restrictions on compatible use are accepted. Carrie highlighted that these two tools are being used to protect existing compatible landscapes in perpetuity, to acquire vacant land to program with compliant uses, and to conserve working lands while aiding landowners.

Project Sundog, named after Commander Dave Dahl's call sign, is the first project in the nation to encompass all the Navy installations and ancillary airfields in one state. At NAS JRB Fort Worth, the eligibility area comprises a five-mile radius around the base. Two projects at Hawks Creek Golf Course and Camp Carter YMCA were awarded, with the golf course project on hold this cycle. Carrie reiterated that the partnerships are voluntary and that the program is a competitive process that considers the acreage, ecological value, stormwater control opportunity, noise considerations, and other factors that can deliver value to the base. The program also seeks potential projects that build resilience in the community and foster floodplain protection, emergency preparedness, and disaster resilience.

Carrie ended by emphasizing that REPI is a voluntary, locally negotiated federal cost-share program that conserves compatible uses in perpetuity and noted that TPL is a strategic partner that facilitates project selection and submittal and works to complete due diligence to deliver maximum value for all partners. Dan Kessler thanked Carrie for her work and highlighted the importance of this program as a way of conserving open space and helping the base and the community in a growing urban landscape facing development pressure. In response to a question about perpetuity, Carrie reiterated that the compensation landowners receive firmly restricts future development forever which makes program participation a big decision for landowners. In response to another question about the project threshold, Carrie stated that the \$2.5 million to \$3 million range is more typical, but that higher valued projects could be advanced through a phased approach.

Item 6. Draft Legislative Program for the 90th Texas Legislature

Amanda Wilson presented the draft legislative program for the 90th Texas Legislature. Action to approve the draft legislative position will be sought in October. Amanda reported that in the 2025 legislative session, various legislative goals were achieved, including a property tax reduction for 100% disabled veterans.

She described the cornerstone of the RCC's legislative position as support for the voluntary nature of the partnerships between the cities and the base in managing compatible development around NAS JRB Fort Worth. Regarding the timeline, Amanda noted that bills will start to be filed after the election on November 9, 2026, and that the legislative session will take place from Jan. 12 to May 31, 2027. She highlighted that the goals of the draft legislative position are continued support of the voluntary nature of the RCC, support of any legislation that would enhance compatible development, awareness of legislation that would inadvertently harm compatible development, and support of continued funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant program and the Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund. Amanda ended by mentioning that the RCC legislative subcommittee reviewed the draft legislative position and encouraged the committee to provide any suggested edits or additional issues.

Item 7: NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Capt. Beau Hufstetler provided an update on recent activities and upcoming changes at NAS JRB Fort Worth. He said this would be his last RCC meeting and announced several staff updates. Capt. Hufstetler's Change of Command ceremony will be held on Sept. 25. Capt. Dustin Engle, a Naval flight officer who graduated from the Naval Academy alongside Capt. Hufstetler, will be the new Commanding Officer. In addition, his executive assistant will retire at the end of the year, and the current Executive Officer, CDR Clayton Johnson will retire at the beginning of 2027.

Capt. Hufstetler reported that the main gate construction is complete. The east gate, which is restricted during the summer, will operate during normal hours once the summer is over and school starts. He identified electrical infrastructure as the base's top priority. Coordination with Oncor is ongoing and their hope is to initiate the project this year. Capt. Hufstetler highlighted recent improvements in the base's living conditions, including an investment of more than \$2 million in unaccompanied housing, extensive tree trimming, new flooring, furniture, mattresses, and lighting for the Navy Inn, as well as parking lot striping. Additional plans have been made for a large-scale renovation of the daycare center and airfield improvements.

Capt. Hufstetler thanked the RCC, NCTCOG, and the surrounding cities and organizations for their support of the base and the service members and their families. He said that this strong support has made this position the best of his Navy career. He will remain in the Fort Worth area with his family. Dan Kessler thanked Capt. Hufstetler for being responsive and supportive of base-related programs. Capt. Hufstetler ended by reporting that the next airshow will be in April 2027.

Item 8. Staff Reports

- **Update on Meandering Road and Las Vegas Trail, Dan Kessler**
 - Dan Kessler reported that the Las Vegas Trail project has an anticipated September letting date, with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) leading the contracting.
 - The procurement process for the Meandering Road project has been completed and is being reviewed by TxDOT. The project is expected to go to construction in August or September. Construction is anticipated to last 18-24 months.

- **FY27-28 Officer Nominating Committee**
 - Per the RCC bylaws, new officers must be elected every two years. Existing officers in their first term may serve a second term. Amanda Wilson noted that Chair Marshall is seeking interested members to serve on the nominating committee. The nominating committee would present a tentative slate for information to the October RCC meeting and would seek a vote in January.
- **Reinitiating Defense Community Safety & Security Committee**
 - Dan Kessler reported that reconstitution of the Defense Community Safety and Security Committee will be assessed for the 2027 airshow planning efforts.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place on Monday, October 19, 2026, at the Lake Worth Multi-Purpose Facility.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Report:** Included in the packets.

Item 9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.