

Meeting Summary

NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee October 20, 2025 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 October 20, 2025. The meeting was hosted by the City of White Settlement.

Voting Members in Attendance

Councilmember 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, Treasurer, City of Lake Worth
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
Councilmember Michael D. Crain, City of Fort Worth
Councilmember Macy Hill, City of Fort Worth
Brian Libbey, City of Westworth Village
Dillon Maroney, Tarrant County
Maegan P. South, Tarrant County

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Mike Coleman, Past Chair, RCC (At Large)
Charlie Cripliver, Airpower Foundation
Trent Dowd, Lake Worth ISD
Dan Kessler, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Kit Marshall, Greater Fort Worth Association of REALTORS
Audra Mead, White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce
Jennifer Schwarzbach, The Office of Congressman Craig Goldman
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to Support the Military
W.B. Zimmerman, Fort Worth Aviation Museum

Others Present

Ken Botts, White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce

Joaquin Castillo, City of Fort Worth
Ann Elias, White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce
Evan Escher, Trinity Metro
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Commander Clayton Johnson, NAS JRB Fort Worth
Sarah Kelty, Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors
Tom Loftis, Texas Military Department
James Myrick, City of River Oaks
Amelia Owre
Mike Schlueter
Surafel Sintayehu, Texas Department of Transportation North Tarrant Area Office
Councilmember Jim Smith, City of Lake Worth
Tommy Thompson, Neighborhood Association on South Lake Worth
Megan Tucei, Texas Military Department
Monica Watson, Keyrenter Fort Worth
Ron Wooten, East Lake Worth Neighborhood Association
Mayor Faron Young, City of White Settlement

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Brian Dell
Jasmine Rodriguez
Kyle Roy
Amanda Wilson

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Remembering Paul Moore
4. Approval of July 21, 2025 Meeting Summary (Action)
5. Challenge Coin Recognition
6. Tenant Command Presentation: Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR)
7. Texas Compatible Use Zones Viewer
8. Status of Fencing and Brush Clearing
9. Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Briefing
10. Federal Grants Update
11. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
12. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
 - Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
 - Scheduling Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report
13. Public Comments

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. Commander Clayton Johnson, the NAS JRB Fort Worth executive officer, announced that he was attending in place of Captain Beau Hufstetler, the NAS JRB Fort Worth commanding officer.

Item 3. Remembering Paul Moore

The Chair introduced a remembrance for Paul Moore, a councilmember from White Settlement, who recently passed away. Dan Kessler shared that Paul was a dedicated RCC member who rarely missed a meeting and was known for his sincerity and commitment. He highlighted Paul's military service in both the Air Force and Army and described him as a gracious and dedicated member who genuinely loved serving on the committee. Dan also thanked the City of White Settlement and Mayor for hosting a well-attended memorial service.

Jeff James added that Paul served on the RCC for 10 years and as a councilmember for over 10 years, emphasizing his love for the committee and his strong connection to the military. Jeff shared personal reflections, noting that he met Paul weekly for coffee over the past eight years. Jeff expressed gratitude to the RCC for taking time to honor Paul's memory.

The Committee observed a moment of silence in his honor.

Item 4. Approval of October 20, 2025 Meeting Summary (Action)

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Councilmember Michael D. Crain. Councilmember Macy Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Challenge Coin Recognition

Chair Larry Marshall introduced the challenge coin recognition, a tradition established to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the RCC. The honoree, Amelia Owre, was recognized for her exceptional service as the Community Planning and Liaison Officer for NAS JRB Fort Worth. The Chair highlighted Amelia's distinguished career, noting that she is a North Texas native who attended the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in oceanography and earned a master's degree in environmental science. She served as a naval aviator, flying multiple helicopter models and deploying aboard the USS Nimitz, and later became a leader in the Navy's unmanned aircraft systems training program. After leaving active duty, Amelia continued her military service in the reserve, retiring after 20 years, while also earning commercial pilot certifications and working in the commercial drone industry. The Chair expressed appreciation for her service to the nation and contributions to the committee and the base.

Amelia thanked the committee for the recognition.

Dan Kessler also commended Amelia for her proactive engagement and leadership, emphasizing her role in keeping NCTCOG staff informed and involved. Amelia expressed gratitude to NCTCOG and the committee for their involvement with the base.

Item 6: Tenant Command Presentation: Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR)

Chair Larry Marshall introduced a special presentation by Daphne Salinas on behalf of the base's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) tenant command.

Daphne explained that MWR plays a vital role in supporting the readiness and resiliency of military personnel and their families by enhancing quality of life through recreational, social, and support programs and services. These services include fitness centers, sports programs, child development centers, and community events designed to promote physical, emotional, and mental well-being. She emphasized that MWR addresses the unique challenges faced by service members, such as long deployments and demanding schedules, by providing resources that help maintain a healthy balance between duty and personal time. Daphne outlined the program's funding sources, which include appropriated and non-appropriated funds, as well as sponsorships that enable facility improvements and community events. She concluded by noting that MWR's mission extends beyond recreation. It sustains the heart of the military community by fostering strength, unity, and resilience. A short video showcased MWR programs.

Commander Clayton Johnson commended Daphne's work, noting that her role is among the most challenging because it focuses on creating a supportive environment for young sailors who often lack life structure outside of the base.

Chair Larry Marshall thanked Daphne for her presentation and emphasized the importance of MWR in helping isolated service members.

Item 7. Texas Compatible Use Zones Viewer

Amanda Wilson presented a new online tool developed by the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute to assist local governments and developers in evaluating land use compatibility near military installations. The tool uses the most current data on noise contours and Accident Potential Zones (APZ) for bases, including NAS JRB Fort Worth, and provides an interactive map that identifies whether a selected location falls within a safety zone, APZ, Clear Zone, or noise contour. The tool offers general guidance on

compatible and incompatible land uses. Amanda demonstrated the tool's functionality, including navigation features, compatibility indicators, and links to user guides and factsheets. She noted that the tool was funded through a grant from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation and emphasized its value for cities and developers during planning and zoning discussions.

Dillon Maroney asked if attendees would receive the link and whether there was a contact for reporting issues. Amanda confirmed that the link would be distributed and that she has direct contacts at Texas A&M for support.

Item 8. Status of Fencing and Brush Clearing

Dan Kessler provided an update on the fencing and brush removal along the NAS JRB Fort Worth perimeter. He noted that while the government shutdown caused delays, the effort is nearing completion after five years of work. Key milestones include acquisition of the former farmer's market property, a land swap with the Knights of Columbus for a quarter-acre parcel in the clear zone, and completion of fencing around acquired parcels. The base undertook a major brush-clearing initiative to create a 10-foot setback along the entire perimeter, significantly improving security and reducing risks such as bird strikes. TxDOT partnered on a project to install fencing along Spur 341, addressing trespassing that previously posed security concerns. Dan presented maps showcasing the progress of the fencing.

Dan explained that the project also revealed ownership and maintenance challenges related to the Bomber Spur corridor. The corridor required coordination among multiple agencies, including TxDOT and the Navy, to secure easements and finalize fencing after underground utility issues were encountered. While most fencing is now in place, one section requires relocation onto federal property, and the Navy is working to grant TxDOT the necessary easement. Dan emphasized that the effort strengthened interagency collaboration and will help prevent trespassing and unauthorized access. Once complete, the project will represent a \$4.5 million investment by the Regional Transportation Council, TxDOT, and the City of White Settlement, improving compatibility and security around the base. He concluded by thanking all partners for their contributions.

Mike Coleman asked about a portion of the map that Dan presented. Dan confirmed that the rail line veers into a warehouse area and a business parking lot. Jeff James noted that there is interest in pulling the rail out of the ground and repaving the roads.

Item 9. Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Briefing

Dan Kessler reported on the DCIP stormwater project near the Texas Army National Guard Shoreview facility, designed to address severe flooding that has impacted neighborhoods and NAS JRB Fort Worth. The \$3 million project, funded jointly by the Department of Defense and the City of White Settlement, is on schedule for completion in November. The project replaces a drainage ditch with a deeper hybrid trench system that uses vegetation and interlocking A-Jacks to slow water flow, reduce erosion, and filter debris. Jeff James highlighted the strong partnership among local, state, and federal entities. Tom Loftis, a project manager for the Texas Military Department, praised the collaboration and confirmed the project is on time and on budget. Dan noted that the initiative not only resolves a critical flooding issue but also serves as a model for future stormwater mitigation efforts, including potential applications for Farmer's Branch Creek. Chair Larry Marshall and Mayor Faron Young commended the innovative design for improving water management and protecting surrounding communities. Dan concluded by emphasizing stormwater management as a top priority for future development west of NAS JRB Fort Worth.

Item 10: Federal Grants Update

Amanda Wilson provided an update on the Community Noise Mitigation Program, noting that the team is in the final stages of negotiating a contract for the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review, which is expected to be completed next month and followed by Department of Defense approval. Agreements with White Settlement ISD and Lake Worth ISD are also nearing completion and will outline procurement processes for construction projects to replace windows and doors in six school buildings. White Settlement ISD plans to finalize designs and select a construction manager in the next quarter, with construction scheduled for summer 2026. Lake Worth ISD will follow a year later, with procurement managed by NCTCOG. Amanda emphasized that monthly meetings with DoD and the school districts are ensuring progress stays on track despite delays caused by the federal government shutdown. She concluded by noting that there is not a lot of federal activity because of the shutdown.

Item 11. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Commander Clayton Johnson provided an update on base operations, noting impacts from the ongoing government shutdown have halted non-critical functions such as ID services, housing, and public affairs, while mission-essential activities like security, airfield operations, and emergency services continue. Military pay has experienced minor delays, and civilian employees have seen significant reductions. In FY2025, the base successfully executed \$5.8 million in sustainment projects, representing 180% of its original budget. Planned FY2026 investments include hangar renovations, main gate improvements, and upgrades to the fuel farm, such as polyurethane liners for environmental protection. Additional projects will address runway repairs and drainage-related cracks to maintain airfield readiness. Commander Johnson also highlighted recent and upcoming drills, including a September "spill drill," a planned tabletop exercise with the Bureau of Prisons, and the annual Citadel Shield Solid Curtain security exercise scheduled for early 2026. He concluded by expressing optimism for continued infrastructure improvements and community coordination.

Item 12. Staff Reports

- **Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG**
 - Meandering Road: Right-of-way acquisition and final design are complete. The design was submitted for review. The tentative letting date is March 2026.
 - Feasibility study underway for a bike-pedestrian bridge adjacent to the existing two-lane bridge at J.G. Barnett to improve safety.
 - Las Vegas Trail: The project is a critical access route to the Shoreview facility. The scheduled letting date is August 2026, with efforts to expedite.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, January 26, 2026, at the Westworth Village City Hall.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 13. Public Comments

There were no public comments.