



**Meeting Summary**

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee  
July 15, 2024  
1:30 p.m.**

**Lake Worth Multi-Purpose Facility  
7005 Charbonneau Road  
Lake Worth, TX 76135**

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 15, 2024. The meeting was hosted by the City of Lake Worth.

**Voting Members in Attendance**

Mike Coleman, Chair, City of Westworth Village  
Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, Vice Chair,  
City of Benbrook  
Dan Chisholm, Secretary, City of River Oaks  
Jeff James, Treasurer, City of White Settlement  
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth  
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook  
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White  
Settlement  
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance**

Charlie Cripliver, The Office of Representative  
Kay Granger  
Jennifer DeWitt, The Office of Representative  
Craig Goldman  
Tara Crawford, Trinity Metro  
Ricardo Gonzalez, Texas Department of  
Transportation  
Courtney Holt, The Office of Senator Kelly  
Hancock  
Dan Kessler, North Central Texas Council of  
Governments  
Capt. Mark McLean, Texas Military  
Preparedness Commission  
Kenneth B. Ross, Lockheed Martin

Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to  
Support the Military

**Others Present**

Gloria Christin, East Lake Worth Neighborhood  
Association  
Chad Dixon, 301st Fighter Wing  
Chad Edwards, Trinity Metro  
Stefanie Guin, Lamb-Star Engineering  
Larry Hoover, City of White Settlement  
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook  
Darren Houk, Mayor, City of River Oaks  
Ryan Inbody, Chief Warrant Officer, NAS JRB  
Fort Worth  
James Myrick, City of River Oaks  
Dan Novak  
Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth  
T.J. Patterson, City of Fort Worth  
Linda Pavlik, Pavlik & Associates  
Jill Van Hoewyk, Lamb-Star Engineering  
Faron Young, Mayor, City of White Settlement

**NCTCOG Staff in Attendance**

Dan Kessler  
Jackie Castillo  
Kyle Roy  
Amanda Wilson

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## **Meeting Summary Outline**

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of April 15, 2024, Meeting Summary (Action)
4. 2025-2026 Officer Nominating Committee
5. Tenant Command Presentation: Army Reserve Aviation Command
6. FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance Grant Update
7. Community Noise Mitigation Program Update
8. Meandering Road/SH 183 Update
9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
10. Economic Impact of US Military Installations to the Texas Economy
11. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
  - Legislative Program for 89th Texas Legislature
  - Scheduling Update
  - Media Alerts
  - Correspondence
  - Attendance Report Public Comments
12. Public Comments

### **Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge**

Chair Mike Coleman 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. He noted that the City of Westworth Village had appointed Councilmember Phillip Poole as a new member.

### **Item 3. Approval of April 15, 2024 Meeting Summary (Action)**

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Dr. Larry Marshall. Secretary Dan Chisholm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 4. 2025-2026 Officer Nominating Committee**

The Chair announced the appointment of a nominating committee for new officers. The current officers are each term-limited in their positions. Dr. Larry Marshall, Dan Chisholm, and Jack Adkison are accepting nominations and will present their slate of nominees at the October meeting. The new officers will begin their terms following the January 2025 meeting.

### **Item 5: Tenant Command Presentation: Army Reserve Aviation Command**

The Chair introduced Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Inbody to present an overview of the Army Reserve Aviation Command's (ARAC) operations at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Mr. Inbody discussed aircraft variations, maintenance operations, deployment cycles, and organizational structure. He showed a map depicting flight paths for aircraft entering and/or passing through NAS JRB Fort

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Worth. The US Army is changing how units are structured, specifically what their mission sets are, what airframes are going to be assigned to them, and which personnel will be affected by the changes. Consequently, the map will adjust to reflect said changes. Dan Kessler asked about the strategic importance of having the ARAC at NAS JRB. Chief Inbody said the unit has a good relationship with the base and values its central location. The unit is difficult to move because of its size, so relocation is unlikely; however, there are limited growth opportunities at NAS JRB.

#### **Item 6. FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance Grant Update**

Dan Kessler provided an update regarding the BRIC grant application process, the challenges faced, and the progress made in addressing stormwater issues. Biweekly meetings with FEMA and other stakeholders are occurring to identify and prioritize projects related to stormwater management. The last three months of meetings have been especially productive. In April, the project team made a site visit to White Settlement and Westworth Village. Amanda Wilson explained that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) received a Direct Technical Assistance award, which provides technical assistance from experts in lieu of funding. For the award, FEMA provides staff and consultants to assist with identifying and preparing applications for future grants, such as cost estimates and funding sources. FEMA staff will next hold meetings with city staff to discuss project prioritization. So far, 15 projects have been identified and are being discussed with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Dan Kessler offered the flooding from Farmer's Branch Creek as an example of a project that would benefit from federal assistance. White Settlement City Manager Jeff James explained that his city has already invested \$3.5 million to mitigate stormwater issues and would like to find partners that can help. Dan Kessler added that TxDOT is helping clear brush along SPUR 341, which should help reduce some of the debris. The Chair asked if there are issues with the box culverts failing under NAS JRB's runway. Amelia Owre said that it has not been studied yet, but the new Installation Development Plan is examining this possibility. Finally, Dan Kessler added that it will be a sizeable financial investment to help the Westworth Village golf course accommodate the amount of water flowing onto it from underneath the base.

#### **Item 7: Community Noise Mitigation Program (CNMP) Update**

Amanda Wilson said the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation has not yet posted the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the new Community Noise Mitigation Program. However, NCTCOG still intends to apply for these funds. NCTCOG is currently pursuing pre-acoustical testing for local schools. The testing is an eligibility requirement. The school districts that are within the NAS JRB noise contours are Fort Worth, Lake Worth, and White Settlement, who have all indicated their interest in the grant. Since the schools are not adjacent to one another, testing must be done at each individual facility. NCTCOG staff are working with their Transportation Department to secure funding for the testing, which could apply to the local match requirement if an award is made. Dan Kessler mentioned that the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) may be able to help with the funding for the local match. The Chair asked if the testing would occur prior to the F-35 deployment and wondered whether that might affect the noise profile. Amanda Wilson could not confirm the timing because the NOFO has not been issued yet; however, she said the specialists performing the test will use a loudspeaker and will not rely on the actual aircraft to fly over the affected schools.

### **Item 8. Meandering Road/SH 183 Update**

Jill Van Hoewyk, with Lamb-Star Engineering, discussed the history and status of Meandering Road. It is a federally funded, locally managed project that has been in progress for 10 years and began in 2014. One of the challenges has been staff retention due to retirement and the demand for engineers to staff projects. The current project team has made significant progress in the past year. Project details, including utility adjustments, were discussed. Necessary utilities will be relocated before construction begins next year. The City of Fort Worth is procuring its own right of way, the City of River Oaks is procuring right of way through Lamb-Star Engineering's subconsultant. At present, right of way acquisition is expected to be completed in the first part of 2025, and project letting is expected in September 2025. Dan Kessler said the right of way acquisition for this project are significant. Although the project is funded, it is not yet clear who will construct it. The Meandering Road project must be complete before work on SH 183 can begin. The Chair asked about the funding situation for SH 183. Ricardo Gonzalez, TxDOT, said funding was tight but the final design is near completion; once funding is received, work can begin. The Chair asked about the funding source for the Bomber Spur bicycle/pedestrian trail. Dan Kessler said a combination of funding from the RTC and Fort Worth will be used, and he thinks the project may also be eligible for federal funding.

### **Item 9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update**

Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth Community Planning Liaison Officer, provided several base updates. Recently, the base was able to communicate its energy and housing needs to three different congressmen who visited the base: Sen. Ted Cruz, Rep. Marc Veasey, and Rep. Jake Ellzey. NAS JRB Firefighter Jeff Frawley was recognized and awarded as the Department of Defense (DoD) Firefighter of the Year. In early June, Kevin Costner came to NAS JRB to promote his new film, *Horizon*. On June 29, the base hosted more than 3,000 people for its annual Freedom Fest fireworks display. Ms. Owre also discussed LAANC, the base's new system for seeking flight approvals for UAS; she also explained how altitude blocks work and said that the 0' altitude blocks are only available for flights by authorized commercial operators. She shared that the base's drone detection system recently discovered a drone flying in an unauthorized area near Airfield Falls. NCIS investigated the incident and spoke with the operator, who was a wedding videographer. The base is still trying to determine if the operator received approval in advance. She then presented a flyer that explains how UAS operators can seek approvals through LAANC.

Commander Tom Kuhrt then provided a debrief of the recent Wings Over Cowtown airshow, including event attendance, logistics, and plans for future airshows. The base estimated 8,000 vehicles parked on the base Saturday as well as an additional 1,600 vehicles at Ridgmar Mall. The base shared on social media that there was additional parking capacity at the base, and the number of vehicles at Ridgmar Mall rose to 2,300. Spectators arriving at the mall were able to take a shuttle to the base to view the show. The base estimates that a total of 40,000 people enjoyed the airshow on the base. Kuhrt complimented the parking consultant, Event Solutions, and thanked the local police departments for their assistance. He also shared two lessons for the next airshow: 1) the shuttle at Ridgmar may not be necessary as the base may have been able to accommodate all spectators' vehicles, and 2) the base undersold tickets to the show. The Chair asked how the public was notified of parking availability, and Kuhrt explained that the base put the notice out on social media, which is their main promotional tool. Dan Kessler asked about the

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likelihood of the Blue Angels returning for another airshow. Commander Kuhrt said a request has already been submitted for them to return in 2026.

### **Item 10. Economic Impact of US Military Installations to the Texas Economy**

Dan Kessler provided a presentation on the positive impact of US military installations to the Texas and local economies. NAS JRB Fort Worth provided an estimated \$4.9 billion economic impact in 2023. Employment (direct and non-direct) and infrastructure dollars were discussed, including the economic impact of Lockheed Martin.

### **Item 11. Staff Reports**

- **Legislative Program for 89th Texas Legislature:** Amanda Wilson explained that the RCC is not taking the lead on any bills during the upcoming legislative session. However, she said the RCC may still wish to adopt positions on certain issues for the purpose of providing letters of support for bills. She said staff would bring a draft legislative position to the October RCC meeting if needed.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, October 21, 2024, at YMCA Camp Carter.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

### **Item 12. Public Comments**

No public comments were received.