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Manager's Report
September 14, 2015

General

Sun Air's completion rate improved to 97% for August, while passenger numbers increased substantially. Passenger reservations are climbing for future months for both inbound and outbound traffic and AOO is now the #2 performing airport in the PIT Connector system. The report of completed flights, enplanements, and total passengers is included with this report.

We have extended an invitation to the Allegheny FSDO to hold the Wings Weekend, Pilot Proficiency Program Training, at AOO for the next three years (2016-2018). IG Flight Services and the Kitty Hawk Restaurant would also be involved in providing logistical support for this event.

Property

The County Prison Inmates are currently working on projects cutting brush and weeds on outlying areas of the Airport Operations Area.

Our grant application for this year's round of land acquisition for the Runway Protection Zone for Runway 21 has been approved. This year's acquisitions consist of one fee simple purchase and three Avigation and Land Use Restriction Easements. Our goal is to close all easements and purchase by the end of the month.

A pre-application has been filed with USDA-RD to acquire funds for the local share of the cost to construct new General Aviation T-Hangars. Pending approval of the pre-application, the next step in the funding process is for a USDA Representative to do a site visit to begin the process of evaluating the feasibility of the project.

The bonding company for the Fourth River Company has performed an inspection of the fuel farm project. They are currently evaluating the best course forward to complete the project.

The FAA has agreed to lease a portion of the AFSS Building to maintain their radio equipment. This lease was approved at last month's meeting. There is a motion on tonight's agenda to approve the transfer agreement, transferring outside equipment from the FAA to the BCAA.

The County will be leasing areas in the AFSS Building for office space, as well as storage area, for the Penn State Agricultural Extension Service. There is a motion on tonight's agenda to approve this lease agreement.

We have made application for, and received, an FAA Grant in the amount of \$244,404 for the acquisition of property and easements in the RPZ of Runway 21. Atty. Pertile is currently title reviews for the properties involved. It is our goal to close on the properties by the end of September.

Marketing/Promotion

Sun Air Express is currently running radio advertising and promotions as well as newspaper and TV advertising to promote the PIT Connector service. Some of the Fall advertising includes promotions for free tickets and flights to a Steelers game.

Sun Air Express has extended its Friends and Family Fare through December 31, 2015. This fare offers substantial discounts for family members traveling together and will be an excellent promotion for the Holiday travel season.

Finance

After the third quarter is complete, I will begin working on a budget for 2016. A draft budget will be presented at the October meeting, a preliminary budget for approval at the November meeting, and a final budget for approval at the December meeting.

Financial reports for the month are included in meeting information. Total General Fund Expenditures are \$31,813.84, and total FAA Project Fund expenditures are \$1,000.

Tracy A. Plessinger, Manager