



ALTOONA BLAIR COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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Manager's Report

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Phil Lefevre, COO of Sun Air Express, met with the manager and several board members last week to discuss several operational issues that have developed during Sun's start-up at AOO. Operational items will continue to be an issue through the month of January. In early February additional planes and pilots will be added to the Sun Air Express fleet to serve the PIT Connector system. A part of this upgrade of service will be the availability of Cessna Caravan Aircraft for service at AOO. I have included a motion on tonight's agenda that gives the board the opportunity to express its support for the use of the Caravan at AOO if it desires.

The manager will be attending a marketing meeting with the PIT Connector team at PIT on Thursday of this week. The purpose is to discuss and coordinate the PIT Connector marketing efforts in each of the current PIT Connector cities.

The Explore Altoona Convention and Visitor's Bureau has made an offer to AOO and Sun Air Express to share prime advertising spot in their Visitor's Guide. The cost of the advertisement is \$2,000, which would be shared equally between AOO and Sun Air Express. There is a motion on tonight's agenda to approve this advertisement and expenditure.

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce Lodging and Attractions Roundtable will be meeting at the Kitty Hawk restaurant for their February meeting. Kitty Hawk, Sun Air Express, and AOO will be providing a breakfast buffet for the group. This is a very important group to work with to help publicize and build the commercial air service available at AOO.

The manager and maintenance supervisor have made a recommendation to terminate the employment of Trentton Long. There is a motion on tonight's agenda ratifying same.

Tracy A. Plessinger, Manager