



## **ALTOONA BLAIR COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

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### **Manager's Report**

**June 8, 2015**

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#### **General**

Sun Air's completion rate improved to 97% for May. They have also completed the move of their ticketing to a new reservation system, and are now able to sell their ExpressPacks on line at [www.flysunairexpress.com](http://www.flysunairexpress.com). There is also now a dedicated customer care center, which is staffed seven days a week at (844)8SUNAIR (878-6247). Passenger numbers remained steady for May. We expect that as advertising ramps up for the summer travel season, both inbound and outbound numbers will increase. The report of completed flights, enplanements, and total passengers is included with this report.

#### **Property**

The Manager, Property Committee, Delta Airport Consultants, and PennDOT have been discussing a project to add and replace general aviation hangars. This is an important project for improving facilities for our existing General Aviation customers and reaching out to additional General Aviation users. Delta has completed a preliminary evaluation of costs involved. Also, the manager has been in contact with USDA and found that we are able to use USDA-RD, Community Facilities Funds, for hangar construction. The next step is for the property committee to consider the various options presented by Delta and for the manager to complete the USDA application for funding.

Property appraisals have been completed for the properties in this year's round of land acquisition for the Runway Protection Zone for Runway 21. This year's acquisitions will consist entirely of Avigation and Land Use Restriction Easements. After review appraisals are completed, the property owners will be contacted and offered easements for signature. The initial appraisals indicate that there will be sufficient FAA funds for this year's acquisitions without applying for supplemental funding.

Fourth River Company has begun work on the Fuel Farm items that the board directed it to correct.

We have received no further information from the FAA regarding a future lease on the AFSS building.

#### **Marketing/Promotion**

Explore Altoona, Sun Air Express, and AOO are sponsoring a Summer 2015 – Sun Air Express/Explore Altoona – Pittsburgh Partnership Co-op program to encourage inbound air traffic from PIT to AOO this summer.

The Altoona Airport, Sun Air Express, IG Flight Services, and Kitty Hawk Restaurant are sponsoring a Drive-in/Fly-in Explore Altoona Airport event. The event will include a general aviation fly-in, free site-seeing flights by Sun Air, pancake breakfast and hamburger/hotdog lunch provided by Kitty Hawk, a car show, an airplane show, and a live broadcast by Froggy 98. The date for the event is Saturday, June 27.

#### **Finance**

Financial reports for the month are included in meeting information. Total General Fund Expenditures - \$25,598.38. Total State Fund Expenditures - \$17,283.21. Total Local Project Fund Expenditures - \$12,308.26.

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Tracy A. Plessinger, Manager