

**Oconee County Airport  
Director's Report**

**December 14**

**Airfield.** NatureChem of Lexington SC completed the slope mowing during the week of Halloween. They did a great job of reducing thigh-high growth down to 6 inches or less and cleared vegetation from the four small retention basins on the north side of the haul road. The SC Division of Aeronautics paid 75% of the cost. County cost was less than \$2,500.

The airport has experienced an early frost and thus airfield grass growth has been arrested. This allows the staff to catch up on mowing.

**Safety /Security Issues** – There have been some minor seasonal bird (geese) issues the staff evicted with The Bird-banger device (pyro-techniques). FAA has reflight our GPS RNAV approaches and approved the Obstruction mitigation request ... this allows night IFR operations to resume

**FBO Financials** - FBO retail sales data ...for Oct follows. Nov and Dec financials will be reported in Jan 2015.

Retail Sales	Oct 2013	Oct 2014
Avgas Sales (gal)	( 5739.2 ) \$30,432.28	(5615.7) \$32,219.74
Jet A Sales (gal)	(14,239) \$76,449.98	(15,102) \$84,053
Hangar Rentals	\$97780	\$12,195
Tie downs	\$225	\$300
Misc Sales	\$187.50	\$195.75
LT Parking	\$0	\$0
Call out fees	\$160	\$400
Ramp/GPU fees	\$550	\$350

**Airport Legal Issues** - The Plateau Excavation Inc. litigation proceedings have concluded. All negative runway extension issues are resolved.

**Capital Projects** - The FAA ADO has agreed to allow the tree clearing costs associated with the runway 7 approach to be paid from AIP 20 funds. The estimated cost is \$29,550 (NatureChem quote). By agreeing to allow this expense on the AIP grant, the SC Div of Aeronautics AND Oconee county save approximately \$4950 (each). The County cost to clear 6.2 acres of trees is only \$1478.

WK Dickson engineers have done preliminary survey work for the design of the new exit taxiway on the west end of the airfield. This new exit taxiway will be located about ½ between the west end and taxiway B. This location affords minimal grading and storm water drain reconstruction.

**Terminal / Facilities Issues-** Members of the staff, COAA, and the commission constructed a concrete Tiger-paw in one section of the front lawn...Thus the airport's association with Clemson University is literally in concrete!

**Operations** - The final two Clemson home games are Nov 22 and Nov 29. Nov 29 is the annual rivalry game between Clemson and USC . It will likely be a great transient turnout.

The Jet A truck will need a significant repair to the tank sub-frame sometime in Jan 2015. The repair requires transporting the truck to a qualified repair facility in Birmingham AL. The cost to repair the rusted tank sub-frame and repaint the tank is approx.. \$30,000. The cost of an newer/ used truck would be over \$80,000. EAF will provide a loaner.

**Personnel Issues** – A new part-time Airport Attendant has been hired. His name is Ben King and he is a welcome addition to the staff. Ben is a rising Senior at Clemson Univ. and has prior experience as an aircraft refueler. He will work weekends primarily. Please extend a warm welcome to Ben, he is an extremely well mannered young man.

**Other** - The current director's last effective work day is Dec 5<sup>th</sup> .. For payroll purposes his last day is Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. The recruitment process is still on going.

Next Meeting Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm