

**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 5th .. For payroll purposes his last day is Dec 31st. The recruitment process is still on going.

Next Meeting Jan 8th, 5:30 pm