

Oconee County Airport  
Director's Report

October, 2015

**Airfield** – All airfield lighting/sign systems are fully operational. Striping/painting completed for the new taxiway as well as the segmented circle. Rifenburg Construction had to come back for a second time to re-seed. Grass is now beginning to grow. Heavy rains caused minor erosion, which also has been repaired.

**Safety /Security Issues** – Self Service pump security camera was not working properly, Airport staff contacted Blue Ridge Security systems and problem was found to be a loose wiring behind main console. Problem resolved.

Due to all of the after-hour use of the conference room, a security camera has been installed in that location.

**FBO Financials** - FBO retail sales data.... September 2014 and September 2015

Retail Sales

	<u>September 2014</u>		<u>September 2015</u>	
Avgas	\$23,261.00	Gallons: 4,188.51	\$25,303.00	Gallons: 5,205.68
Jet A	\$70,942.00	Gallons: 13005	\$39,261.00	Gallons: 8337

**YTD Gallons:**

<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Avgas: 13,115.79	Avgas: 14,850.54
Jet A: 3, 4477	Jet A: 2, 7689

Hangar Rentals	\$8695.00	\$10,000.00
Tie downs	\$110.00	\$ 275.00
Misc. Sales	\$165.00	\$210.00
LT Parking	\$0	\$0
Call out fees	\$240.00	\$640.00
Ramp/GPU fees	\$300.00	\$700.00

**Capital Projects** - New Stub Taxiway (designated A-2) is 100% complete. Contractors pay estimate No.2 has been received from WK Dickson and is being processed for payment.

WK Dickson has moved well on the two Phase II land acquisitions on Nebo Church Road. The parcels were appraised and the owners have been contacted.

**Terminal / Facilities Issues** – Hangar A-1 (Jim Anderson) motor belt slipping on door. Belt has been replaced. Several pieces of equipment were rented for the late night football game traffic and safety operations. Equipment rented included additional lighting towers, a Jet Porter Tug, and an additional Jet A truck.

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**Operations** – Clemson University home football games began Sat Sept 5<sup>th</sup> against Wofford. Friday through Sunday totals for each game are as follows.

Wofford: 44 total transients..... Jet A gallons sold: 1280.0 Avgas: total gallons sold: 778.3  
Appalachian State: 34 total trans..... Jet A gallons sold: 2025.0 Avgas: total gallons: 931.6  
Notre Dame: 37 total trans.... Jet A total gallons sold: 5797.0 Avgas: total gallons sold: 394.3

**Personnel Issues** - Interim Airport Director, Kevin Short's last day was September 24<sup>th</sup>. County Officials are actively seeking a full time Airport Director. Also, a new grounds keeper (Isaac McClain) has been hired as a seasonal full time employee through StaffMark Co. He is working out perfectly. Please welcome him to the Airport team if you see him on the grounds. And for those busy Clemson home game Saturday's, County Administration graciously offered 3 additional County employees to help out. Their duties include shuttling customers to and from the aircraft to the FBO and dispersing rental cars. Those employees are: Charles Mulwee (Sheriff Dept.), Amanda Brock (County Admin) and Joshua Stephens (Planning Dept.).

**Other** –Approximately 3pm on Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Airport staff received a call from Greer approach in search of a scheduled plane that was overdue into OCRA. The plane was a single engine Piper Saratoga that had departed Warsaw Indiana in route to OCRA. Oconee County 911 dispatch received several calls of a downed plane. All crews were dispatched and the plane was found approximately 6pm in a wooded area near the SC/Georgia state line. All passengers on board were deceased. Those passengers were as follows: Pilot, Charles D. Smith, his son an attorney, Scott Smith, retired Sprint car race driver, Tony Elliott and High School football coach, Scott Bibler. All were from the Warsaw Indiana area.

Next Meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm