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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF OCONEE

OCONEE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

IN RE: Oconee County Aeronautics Commission Meeting

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 01/23/2024 the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Hal Welch
General Manager



Jessica Wells
Notary Public
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires November 13, 2030

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
01/23/2024



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Economic Impact and Job Creation:

- General aviation airports contribute significantly to local economies by creating jobs and supporting businesses. They generate employment opportunities both directly (airport staff, maintenance, etc.) and indirectly (tourism, local services).

Oconee County Regional Airport Economic Impact

- 2018 numbers. We know it is higher now but don't know exactly how high. We will renew the economic impact study in about 2 years.
- In 2018 Oconee County Regional Airport contributed to:
 - 94 local jobs
 - These 94 jobs created \$3,277,160 in payroll.
 - These 6 jobs lead to related spending of \$7,620,120 and total economic impact of \$10,897,280
 - This \$10,897,280 of economic impact created tax revenue of \$453,360.

Statewide Airport Economic Impact

- When we look at all South Carolina airports:
 - Employment – 122,800 jobs
 - \$4.8B payroll
 - \$11.5B related spending
 - \$16.3B total economic impact
 - \$657M tax revenue.

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Enhancing Connectivity and Accessibility:

- General aviation airports improve regional connectivity by providing access to areas not served by commercial airlines. They enable travel to smaller communities, remote locations, and destinations with limited transportation options.
- This connectivity supports local tourism, business travel, and personal mobility, making it easier for people to reach and connect with various parts of the country.
- Build a mile of road and you'll travel a mile. Build a mile of runway and you'll travel the world.

Pilot Training and Aviation Education:

- General aviation airports are vital for pilot training and aviation education. Flight schools based at these airports train future pilots, contributing to the overall aviation industry.
- They also offer educational programs and community outreach, fostering interest in aviation careers among young people.

Emergency and Medical Services:

- General aviation airports play a crucial role in emergency response and medical transport. They provide essential infrastructure for air ambulances, disaster relief operations, and search and rescue missions.
- Quick access to remote and rural areas during emergencies can be life-saving, underscoring the strategic importance of these airports.

Support for Agricultural and Environmental Services:

- These airports facilitate agricultural services such as crop dusting, aerial surveying, and wildlife management. They help farmers and environmental agencies monitor and manage large areas efficiently.
- Aerial applications of fertilizers, pesticides, and other treatments are crucial for modern agriculture, and general aviation airports are the bases for these operations.

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