

**FINGER LAKES REGIONAL AIRPORT
AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING - CONSULTANT'S UPDATE**

MARCH 11, 2015

I. STATUS OF CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Taxiway Rehabilitation & Drainage Improvements – Phase II

- FAA funded entire amount of this project, including the add-alternates.
- Zoladz Construction has started construction. They have made significant progress on the drainage work outside of the airport, and will be ready to begin construction of the taxiway pavement rehabilitation, lighting and other work as soon as the weather permits. Looking for a possible late May, 2015 completion date.

B. Fuel System Improvements

- MJ has executed contracts with Seneca County to aid in the purchase of the Jet-A refueler truck, design improvements to the fuel farm and provide construction inspection/administration services.
- MJ met with NYS Department of Transportation in February and received the final go-ahead to purchase the Jet-A refueler. As soon as we receive a purchase agreement from the manufacturer, we can execute that and purchase the refueler.
MJ has begun design of the improvements to the fuel farm, which will include increased flow rates, upgrading the credit card vending software, installation of an emergency shut-off and installation of new pumps.
- The grants for this project are through the NYSDOT Aviation Capital Grant Program, 2013 round.

II. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATES

- A. FAA AIP Funding:** McFarland Johnson met with the FAA New York Airports District Office (NYADO) in December to discuss projects and funding for the next five years.

Larry A'Hearn, the long-time FAA planner assigned to Finger Lakes Regional Airport, has retired, effective December 31st. FAA has recently hired a new planner named David Carlin.

Christine Pak, the FAA Airport Engineer at the ADO assigned to Finger Lakes Regional Airport, has also left the ADO. She returned to her previous position at FAA Airway Facilities, where she was an electrical engineer. The ADO has not identified a replacement for Christine.

FAA has not yet indicated that they are authorized to write grants for FY2015 projects.

FAA has programmed the design of the main aircraft parking apron rehabilitation for 2015, using \$150,000 of non-primary entitlement funds and the balance from state apportionment ("discretionary"). This would be followed by a two-phased construction

process in 2016 & 2017, due to the size of the apron and expected costs to rehabilitate the apron.

MJ also discussed the feasibility of a runway extension, beginning with an environmental assessment. A key element of this project would be demonstrating the need for the extension to the FAA. A method to do this would be to collect letters of support from current and potential turbine aircraft owners and users of the airport. These include Seneca Meadows, Angie's List, Sessler Wrecking, Air Methods/LifeNet, Bonadent and Solerno's. Additional users/aircraft owners can be discussed. MJ can provide a template letter to use to solicit letters of support.

The "Waterloo" site has been selected for the new Lago Casino, and should be help with demonstrating the need for a runway extension.

It would also be helpful to track operations of and fuel purchases by any jets that use the airport, including Air Methods/LifeNet.

MJ will attempt to move the runway extension up in priority on the ACIP. With David Carlin now on board at the ADO as the airport planner, it should help.

The current 5-year Capital Improvement Program has been updated based on the outcome of the meeting with FAA.

- B. NYSDOT Funding:** Seneca County has been notified that you will be receiving a grant through the 2014 round of Aviation Capital Grants, for the purchase of new snow removal equipment, namely a new snow plow truck. Value of the total grant is \$175,000. Seneca County share at 10% would be \$17,500, NYSDOT share at 90% would be \$157,500.