



KNOX COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

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****Manager's Report****

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Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to report the following progress for the Knox County Regional Airport for the month of February.

Airport Project Updates:

1. **Terminal Hangar:** The Terminal Hangar now has power! The coordination with CMP was the most difficult portion of the job so far. With components scarce throughout the utility industry, it has been difficult to pin them down on component availability and schedule. Now that their portion is behind us, the rest of the trades can now complete their work. The planned occupancy date is mid-April, but with the most recent delay, late April seems more realistic.
2. **Obstruction Removal:** The project is nearing completion. Most of the work on the Runway 13 (Buttermilk Lane) area is complete. The contractor has done a fantastic job, and despite the hilltop getting a military style buzz cut, most of the landowners are pleased. Hawkes Tree Service will be back in the spring to plant a half dozen trees as agreed upon in the landowner negotiations, grind a few stumps, and clean up a few lawns. They were also asked to do additional work in 3 more areas of the airport that were also identified as obstructions, not associated with this project, for an additional fee.
3. **Hangar Taxilane Electrical Service:** The Hangar Taxilane Electrical Service project is still in a winter shutdown until the spring. The poles are set, and we're waiting to finish some trenching before we connect everything. Another issue was that some items were backordered for several months.
4. **Environmental Assessment:** This year's AIP project will involve an environmental assessment in the area of Crockett's Beach Road in Owls Head. The purpose of the environmental assessment will be to assess airspace obstructions on the Runway 31 approach surfaces. The environmental assessment is a pre-requisite for starting an easement acquisition project which will be needed to address the identified obstructions.

5. **Phase 2 Hangar Taxilane:** Sitewerx has completed the needed 30% of construction needed to extend the permit by another year. They will be back in the spring to finish with the filter pond, the rest of the earthwork, and the paving. Once the taxilane project is complete, the fence will be removed, and we will be working on the installation of the solar farm (Once the contract is finalized).

Airport News:

UPCOMING Request's for Proposals (RFP):

- **Sale of the Benner Lane Hangars:** The draft RFP is still being created, but legal has finalized the Bill of Sale and Leases that will be used once the sales of the hangars are completed. At an upcoming meeting, the commissioners will be asked to award the sale of each hangar based on the information received in the RFP
- **Electric Aircraft and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** The Request for Proposals has cleared the final hurdles, and will be published in the coming days. Due in April, this RFP will put the Knox County and its Regional Airport on the map as an airport that is investing in the green future of aviation.

Owls Head Cemetery Progress: On March 9th, the County met with officials from the Town of Owls Head to further discuss the sale of the Cemetery that is on County property at the Airport. It was a very good discussion that addressed the concerns of individuals that are a part of the process. We are trying to complete all of the necessary steps so that the Town can put it before the voters at this summer/fall's regular Town meeting.

Owls Head Airport Moratorium: The Town of Owls Head's imposed 180 moratorium has expired. Expiring February 26th, the Town of Owls Head Select Board voted unanimously not to extend the Moratorium any longer.

Very truly yours,

Jeremy Shaw
Airport Manager

Cape Air Enplanements

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2015	321	227	393	375	457	599	1064	1167	754	608	439	349	6,753
2016	362	337	399	423	467	678	1160	1271	732	619	402	355	7,205
2017	418	288	385	386	453	597	1176	1241	740	578	454	372	7,088
2018	288	257	332	419	547	739	1014	1136	798	587	403	363	6,883
2019	344	269	384	358	471	658	1057	1155	792	619	418	383	6,908
2020	316	334	189	32	47	107	275	304	229	237	128	102	2300
2021	101	88	185	194	472	496	945	1122	680	542	495	364	5356
2022	179	161	380	413	515	602	1075	1064	733	640	641	412	6815
2023	356	379											

Penobscot Island Air Enplanements

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2015	356	161	216	433	579	823	1222	1275	1212	1000	631	410	8,318
2016	448	296	382	570	788	968	1480	2019	1349	1301	985	607	11,193
2017	595	351	446	542	655	1108	1337	1577	971	856	780	619	9,837
2018	465	312	379	477	881	1046	1317	1534	1084	1019	524	514	9,552
2019	512	497	576	572	1125	1044	1847	1808	1320	858	767	475	11,401
2020	728	631	178	130	130	815	796	1489	716	851	381	364	7207
2021	343	344	134	598	738	732	791	794	508	598	465	207	6251
2022	183	139	112	190	341	462	720	639	517	350	232	146	4031
2023	76	104											

Aircraft Movements

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2015	2079	2073	2222	2456	3371	4757	5708	6293	5026	3834	2962	2423	43,562
2016	1648	1416	1370	2366	3643	4934	6511	6922	5365	3889	3410	2976	44,450
2017	2740	2594	1899	2848	3539	4878	6367	6673	4250	4091	3595	3485	46,959
2018	2625	2565	2247	2259	3472	3699	4555	5300	3868	3130	2269	2900	38,889
2019	2242	1253	1930	2061	3674	4031	6761	6518	4776	3445	2765	1829	41,285
2020	837	784	975	1574	2335	3378	4093	4818	3408	2989	1282	989	27,462
2021	1175	943	1194	1360	1777	2247	2754	2808	1991	1616	293	557	18715
2022	962	874	858	859	478*	1689	1658*	2236	1859	2343	1918	1850	17584
2023	620	497											

*Data missing from most of May and some of July due to computer errors.(2022)

