

## KNOX COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

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### **\*\*Manager's Report\*\*** July 2023

Dear Commissioners,

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

#### **Airport Project Updates:**

1. **Terminal Hangar:** After almost a year of delays, in July, we provided Nickerson & O' Day with "performance concern" letters. The letters, from the Airport and the Airport's consulting firm, addressed several issues that have been unresolved for a substantial amount of time, which has cost the County hundreds of thousands of dollars of additional expenses associated with the project. We have established August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as the day that the building must be completed by, or we will seek to be made whole through recovering losses through Nickerson & O' Day's performance bond. The day after the letters were sent, the site was bustling with activity, and there was a renewed interest in completing the building. The building is on track to be completed late August, early September.
2. **Hangar Taxilane Electrical Service:** The Hangar Taxilane Electrical Service project has resumed. Three power pedestals which will act as metering centers have been installed and connected to the utility poles for future hangar development.
3. **Environmental Assessment (EA):** This year's AIP project requires Knox County to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a consultant to complete the (EA) project. This is a requirement by the FAA. The plan is for the APAC to review and rank the RFQ submissions on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and present their recommendations to you on August 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Phase 2 Hangar Taxilane:** Phase 2 of the Hangar Taxilane WAS almost complete. Due to the delays and ongoing litigation, On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the County presented the original permit application (2021) to the Planning Board so that the Town is kept abreast of our development. Unable to reach a conclusion on July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Board is expected

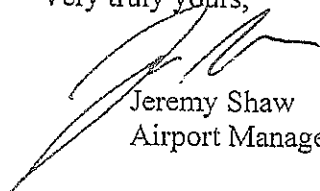
to make a decision on August 14<sup>th</sup> as to the status of the new permit. If a new permit is issued, work will begin immediately, and wrap up in a couple of weeks.

5. **Solar Energy Generation Facility:** Components of the Solar project have begun arriving!! One of the most difficult CARES Act projects will soon be underway. With the cost of electricity spiraling out of control, this project is the right project at the right time. I hope that the County can continue to invest in the further development of this system, which will hopefully offset much of the County's energy needs.
  
  6. **Owls Head "Airport" Cemetery Sale:** The leg-work on this project is complete. The Town will now decide whether or not it wants to acquire the property from the County or not, at their August 28<sup>th</sup>, Annual Town Meeting, at the same meeting they are considering stripping the County of its development rights. If approved by the Town, the existing County Leases within the cemetery would be converted to deeds, and the agreement would be extinguished. The County will retain an avigation easement over the property to prevent any airspace intrusion in the Runway 31 approach surfaces.
- **Electric Aircraft and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Weather has unfortunately delayed the official project kick-off meeting, but planning is ongoing, and we're working with BETA Technologies and Hedstrom Electric to make this project a reality. When operational, the charging stations will allow manufacturers of multiple electric aircraft to use the charging station at the Airport. The completion of the project is planned for late-winter, early spring.

**Owls Head Citizen's Petition:** The Town of Owls Head will be placing the Citizen's Petition on the Warrant for their annual Town meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>. If enacted, the County will lose its ability to react to safety concerns, and further develop the County's land at the airport. Any issue requiring a permit will need to be presented to the Town at a Town meeting, and

Thank you for your continued support!

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	446	405	484	630	921						

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	116	218	370	201	???						

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	442	839	1347	1069**	1494						

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

\*\* Mostly because of weather

