



Wakulla County BOCC & Administration
3093 Crawfordville Hwy
Crawfordville, FL 32327

February 7, 2010

I'm pleased to announce the Wakulla Airport Advocacy Group conducted an organizational meeting on February 7, 2010. The intent and purpose of our Group is to provide the County an ad hoc resource to help facilitate airport development in a safe and efficient manner, as well as promote this vital asset. The Group is made up of a diverse cross section of professionals with expertise in not only airports and aviation, but emergency services, environmental engineering, commercial development, real estate, and manufacturing. We are currently seeking additional members to further enhance our diversity. We have reached out to the airport manager and asked he become a member. If the input provided by this Group is deemed useful to the County, our hope is to eventually become recognized and officially adopted by the BOCC.

It is the opinion of our Group there exists an urgent and immediate need to begin remediation of the current runway hazard. A first action is to simply remove the large volume of sand that has migrated and obstructed the airport drainage culvert and associated ditches. This rather small scope of work would significantly enhance safety at the airport and appreciably reduce liability exposure. Secondly, better storm water management associated with the commercial hanger development on the east side of the runway would further improve conditions.

There also exists an urgent and immediate need to identify, evaluate, prioritize, and transmit to FDOT, via the JACIP program, projects so essential to obtaining grants required for airport development. The JACIP narratives are crucial to the funding process and the current window for submission to FDOT will close in 2-3 weeks. A rather large scope of airport/aviation specific technical effort is required to address JACIP properly and distributing this complex task among several professionals, including many aviation professionals, would seem prudent. Our Group has already spent a great deal of time with the identification, evaluation, and prioritization of various airport needs and would like to collaborate with the County to share our determinations. We are also very willing to submit the JACIP narratives in their entirety for County review and possible submission to FDOT.

In light of the pressing issues facing the Airport, we respectfully request a timely response and sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,

Steven P. Fults Sr.

Current Members

Title

Dr. Robert Hinchee Ph.d P.E.	Environmental Engineer, Principal, IST Inc.
Mr. Bill Russell	Tallahassee Fire Department, Division Chief, Retired Fire Chief Station 7 Wakulla VFD Vice-president Wakulla County United Firefighters Association
Mr. Steve Wilson	Chief Pilot USAir Shuttle, Retired, LaGuardia Airport Advisory Board, Retired
Mr. Clay Kuersteiner	Captain Continental Airlines, Retired Volunteer Firefighter
Mrs. Carol Odell	Pilot, Realtor, Silver Coast Realty
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