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Findlay City Airport Annual Report – 2013

Findlay Airport, a general aviation airport located in Findlay, Ohio, is owned and operated by the City of Findlay. Major facilities at the airport include a 6,500 foot primary runway (18-36) with a full parallel taxiway and a 5,883 foot long crosswind runway (7/25). Other facilities include the City of Findlay as fixed base operator, aircraft storage, and fuel (Jet A and Avgas). Findlay Airport supports all types of corporate/executive and private use general aviation activities.

The daily responsibilities of safely operating and maintaining a first class general aviation airport included: airport lighting checks and maintenance, winter operations snow and ice control, issuing runway condition NOTAMS, airfield mowing and safety compliance maintenance, general hangar and building maintenance, bird and animal control, overseeing farming operations, the parking and refueling of all types of aircraft, hangar rental and leases, maintenance of inventory items and billing, collecting and processing of payments, and overseeing all of the maintenance and construction projects on the airport. Airport staff consisted of four full-time employees and one part-time clerk.

These are the highlights for 2013:

1st Quarter

- Winter Operations: Snow removal – approximately 20 inches of snow fell in the first three months of 2013 requiring action. Freezing rain events - Urea was applied to the runways to assure and maintain safe breaking conditions.
- Received 2013 Ford ¾ ton pickup with snowplow from capital improvements funds to replace the 1998 model to ensure the reliability of our snowplow fleet.

2nd Quarter

- Above normal temperatures in the early part of 2nd quarter allowed for work on crack sealing runway 18-36. With the use of the Street Department sealing machine, we laid 6,000 lbs. of rubberized crack sealer.
- A corporate hangar project of power washing, priming and painting the cement block walls was started and completed.
- 2013 FAA projects started and completed include replacing a catch basin on the south end of the north ramp and rerouting the outlet tile from the new catch basin to an existing catch basin with a known outlet. The old tile had been inadvertently crushed, missed, or not repaired during the 2009 ramp project. The second project for 2013 is the replacement of the REIL lights for runway 7-25 which has been scheduled for installation after January 15, 2014.

3rd Quarter

- Summer Operations: Maintenance of fields (mowing), runways lights and hangars.
- Sidewalk project: Removed and replaced 40 feet of deteriorating sidewalk in front of the fuel office.
- Fence Project: Painted the chain link fence around the north ramp and power washed and painted the blast fence on runway 25.
- Stone replacement Project: Added stone as needed around all runway and taxiway guidance signs to maintain airport safety standards.
- ODOT I75 Meetings: Attended several ODOT I75 and State Route 68 interchange upgrade meetings. With these upgrades, ODOT needs to purchase a small sliver of property for the "right of way" from the airport at the north end of the runway 18 approach safety area, all of which had to be reviewed and approved by the FAA.

4th Quarter

- Grant Project: In late September, the FAA awarded a grant that we applied for in 2013 to be used for a small ramp drainage project along with REIL light replacement on runways 7 and 25. In October, CHA held the preconstruction meeting for both the drainage and lighting projects. Helms and Sons Excavating was the low bidder for the drainage project and Brint Electric won the light project bid. The project was completed by the end of November.
- Request from Andrew Air Force Base: At the end of October, I had multiple phone conversations with Andrews Air Force Base requesting the most up to date airport information pertaining to runway lengths and ramp size. Secret Service informed the airport that Vice President Joe Biden would be arriving on November 6, 2013. Secret Service conducted scanning, screening of employees and working out the logistics of the Vice President flying into Findlay with a 757 aircraft.
- Vice President Visit: Since the last airport visit from President George W. Bush on a 757 aircraft, the airport has undergone several airfield improvements. These improvements made Vice President Biden's visit easier for the crew to navigate our taxiway and ramp areas. The visit was made possible with the full cooperation from all of the base tenants at the Findlay airport who had to change flight schedules and even open up their doors to help host this event. This also was made possible through the help provided by our airport neighbors. Garner Trucking supplied semi-trailers to set up a barrier and Lanagan Construction helped with off-loading support equipment. This was the fifth Presidential/Vice President visit at the Airport that I have had the honor and privilege to assist with since 1983.

- Winter Operations: Snow removal - approximately 12 inches of snow fell in December which kept us busy through the end of the year.

City of Findlay Airport - 2013 Fuel Sales/Landing Fees

MONTH	JET A GALLONS	100 OCTANE GALLONS	LANDING FEES
January	11,088.00	1,217.40	13
February	10,251.00	895.30	19
March	18,449.00	2,612.70	21
April	16,474.00	1,965.40	17
May	16,993.00	2,325.50	19
June	14,436.00	3,023.70	11
July	12,804.00	3,704.90	14
August	17,963.00	3,185.10	16
September	10,960.00	2,781.00	7
October	15,414.00	2,112.60	19
November	10,221.00	1,861.20	9
December	12,696.00	670.90	11
TOTAL	167,749.00	26,355.70	176

Respectfully submitted,



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