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2002 Legislative Summary

IPAA EMERGES AS THE VOICE OF IOWA'S PUBLIC AIRPORTS AT THE STATEHOUSE!

The 2002 Session of the Iowa Legislature was certainly marked by the emergence of the Iowa Public Airports Association as a group that lawmakers need to take into account when they develop public policy.

The Association jumped to the forefront of groundbreaking "security" related legislation for public entities. The IPAA also made the legislature "take notice" of the need for appropriate funding for airport improvements.

The great efforts made by IPAA members to contact lawmakers regarding issues of interest; IPAA presentations to legislative committees; and a highly successful "day at the Capitol", all have brought the Association and its interests to the attention of lawmakers.

It is important to recognize all the IPAA members who went "above and beyond the call of duty" to help advance the association's causes at the Statehouse. A special thanks goes out to the Officers of the IPAA, the IPAA Board of Directors, the association members who attended the IPAA's presentation before the legislative appropriations committee, and all who attend the association's day at the Capitol.

The following is a review of the 2002 legislative accomplishments of the Iowa Public Airports Association.

AVIATION VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

A major reduction in anticipated state revenues, and the resulting budget adjustments that lawmakers would have to make, was the focus of the 2002 Legislative Session.

The IPAA quickly found itself in the middle of the budget battle, as some legislative leaders decided they would cut all aviation appropriations that are funded from the state's general fund.

The IPAA reacted quickly and decisively to this misguided plan, by emphasizing that the proposed funding cuts would jeopardize basic aviation safety programs.

The association's efforts paid off when final budget decisions were being made by lawmakers and a total of \$600,000 from the state's general fund was budgeted for use for all aviation and railroad programs. Thanks to the IPAA's active advocacy, \$500,000 of the \$600,000 dollars allotted were dedicated to aviation programs as follows:

- Aviation Weather Program \$110,000
- Windsock Program \$12,000
- Runway Marking Program \$100,000
- Aviation Improvement Program \$278,000

The IPAA was also able to "engineer" a change to the Transportation Bill desired by the Iowa DOT Office of

Airports and Economic Development

Business leaders in Central Iowa believe a regional airport in the eastern part of their county would help create jobs and enhance economic development. Business leaders believe this notion so strongly that they financed a private study to assess whether there was sufficient demand to warrant such a regional airport facility.

The study was prepared by McClure Engineering and suggests that the projected population and business growth in the eastern part of Dallas County and the western

part of Polk County was sufficient to support a regional airport. The proposed airport would be similar to many general aviation airports throughout Iowa and would focus on serving private planes and corporate jets. The proposed airport could possibly be built within the next 5 years on a site between Adel and Waukee, along U.S. Highway 6. According to Linda Schaut, executive director of Dallas County Development Inc, an airport will spur economic development in the area.

Dallas County business leader and local officials are now putting together a financial package and hope to conduct a feasibility study this spring to see whether an airport should be built. Assuming the study supports development of an airport, Dallas County officials expect the construction costs of a new airport to exceed \$14 million, with the hope that the Federal Aviation Administration would pick up the vast majority of that cost and state and local governments absorbing the rest. ✈

Flight Across America

A national aviation event is planned to demonstrate support for all aspects of aviation since September 11th. The event is called the Flight Across America, and it is an opportunity for pilots to respond to September 11th by demonstrating our support for aviation, celebrating flight and our freedom to fly, and honoring the memory of the victims and heroes of the September 11th disaster on its first anniversary.

The Flight Across America begins on August 11, 2002 as aircraft take off from Paine Field in Everett, Washington. Pilots will

choose to fly a local flight, cross-country, across State lines or even coast-to-coast. Participants will register their flight on the Flight Across America website: www.flightacrossamerica.com. Flight activity will move from the West Coast toward the east, culminating in New York City on September 11, 2002. The goal is for at least one plane to land and take off from every airport in the country. The organization expects thousands of pilots to take part.

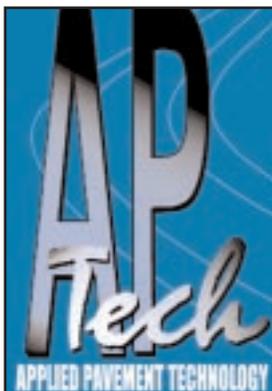
The Flight Across America organization invites you to take a look at their website for more

details. The success of the Flight Across America depends on getting the word out, and one of the most effective ways is word of mouth, so tell your friends.

Aviation has taken a huge hit in the aftermath of September 11th, and the Flight Across America is an opportunity for the aviation community to come together and reclaim the skies. At the same time, organizers hope to change negative public perceptions about aviation and reinvigorate the world of aviation.

Bring new life and vitality to flight! For more information call Flight Across America at 425-702-9231. ✈

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Aviation. The change will give the Office of Aviation added flexibility in using the limited funds in this appropriation.

The IPAA did score a victory in the area of the Commercial Airport Vertical Infrastructure and the General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Programs.

For the first time since the inception of both program, lawmakers approved additional funding for these programs as follows:

- Program Appropriation Increase
- Commercial Airport Vertical Infrastructure Program \$1,100,000 \$100,000
- General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Program \$581,400 \$81,400

AVIATION TRUST FUND ESTABLISHMENT

The issue of reestablishing the Aviation Trust Fund was discussed at length on the floor of the Iowa Senate late this past legislative session.

Senator Kitty Rehberg told the Senate that she will lead the charge next legislative session for the reestablishment of the fund. She noted that the state's airports bring in over \$8 million dollars in revenue annually to the state, and they should receive those funds for airport improvement projects.

IOWA PUBLIC AIRPORTS GAIN SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR SAFETY RELATED RECORDS

Iowa's public airports now have special protections to allow for security-related records to be classified as confidential.

Senate File 2277, signed into law by Governor Vilsack, allows public airports to make certain records, which if they "were disclosed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security or the public health and safety of the citizens served by a public airport..."

The new law also allows a body, such as a city council, to go into "closed session" to discuss this new category of "confidential records."

COMPUTER "HACKERS" WHO BREAK INTO PUBLIC AIRPORTS COMPUTER SYSTEMS NOW FACE INCREASED PENALTIES

The Iowa Public Airports Association and the Iowa Attorney General have been successful in increasing the penalties for persons who "hack" into the computer systems of public airports in the state.

Senate File 2098, which was signed into law by Governor Vilsack, adds two new classes of penalties for persons who break into computer systems. These new classes are underlined:

Aggravated Misdemeanor: Anyone who accesses confidential records or operational or support records of a public airport.

Serious Misdemeanor: If data is copied, altered or delegated.

Simple Misdemeanor: Any computer access that is not a simple or aggravated misdemeanor.

The new law also allows any public airport, who has data destroyed, lost or altered by a "hacker", to institute civil proceedings to recover the cost of the damage caused by the "hacker".

IPAA AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES JOIN TOGETHER TO BLOCK A BILL TO REGULATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BY PUBLIC ENTITIES

The Iowa Public Airports Association and a coalition of other public entities successfully joined together to defeat legislation that would have applied new and onerous regulations on any public entity that wishes to hire a construction manager on a construction project.

The IPAA was joined by the Iowa Rural Water Association, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Iowa League of Cities, Iowa State Association of Counties, Iowa Association of County Supervisors, the University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa, Iowa State University and the Iowa Association of School Boards in opposing this legislation.

At press time several legislators in the House and Senate were preparing another attack on Aviation funding for the coming fiscal year. Visit www.iowaairports.org for the latest on this new threat.

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Register Now For The FAA Regional Conference

Attention airport managers, fixed-base operators, city administrators, and aviation consultants! The 19th annual FAA Central Region Airports Conference is scheduled for June 10-12 at the KCI-Embassy Suites and now is the time to submit your registrations.

This year's program will be one of the most informative and engaging yet. The conference will feature presentations on a wide range of aviation and airport issues from homeland security and changes in the AIP Program to airport marketing and mobile ARFF training. Speakers include representatives from the new Transportation Security Administration, state departments of

transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and national consulting firms.

The conference will "officially" commence on Monday June 10 with a golf outing at beautiful Sunflower Hills. The business portion of the conference begins Tuesday June 11 when the Iowa Public Airports Association will meet to discuss airport and aviation issues. The IPAA will meet in Salons A and B at 8am.

The official conference kickoff occurs during the luncheon on Tuesday and is followed a general session, informative workshops, and an evening reception. Once again there will be an Exhibit Hall for you to casually gather and share information with your professional

colleagues. Following a morning of informative workshops the conference concludes with a luncheon on Wednesday, June 12.

You can register for the conference by calling Advantage Conference and Convention Planners at 913-851-4438. Hotel reservations can be made by contacting the Embassy Suites-KCI at 816-891-7786. If you plan to participate in the golf outing please contact Todd Madison at 816-329-2640.

You can also learn more about the conference by visiting the IPAA web site at www.IowaAirports.org and clicking on "2002 Events". ✨

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