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A Letter From The President

BY ANDREW PERRY (DUBUQUE)

Dear IPAA Member,

Another successful Iowa Aviation Conference was completed and now it's time to turn our focus on the Iowa legislative session. Call, write, and email your legislators and tell them the importance of Iowa's airport system for not only your community, but also the impact on business and tourism. Information on IPAA's legislative priorities is available on the IPAA web site (www.iowaairports.org). Legislative brochures will soon be mailed to each of the airports. So please, start communicating to protect our aviation system and remind them we will be there for the Airports Day on the Hill, March 9th.

As promised, the IPAA Board is finalizing IPAA's Strategic Plan. The goals and strategies have been completed and next month the board should finish the action items. As IPAA continues to

grow and become better known by Iowa's Governor and legislators, the strategic plan will provide the organization with a road map to follow.

I would be remiss, if I didn't personally thank those that participated in the strategic planning sessions. So a round of thanks to you for your hard work and dedication to the organization.

The following is a summary of IPAA's Strategic Plan:

Vision: IPAA is dedicated to unite the public use airports and educate the public on the benefits/values of aviation in Iowa.

Mission: IPAA advocates for the interests of Iowa's public use airports.

GOALS:

1. Strengthen the IPAA organizational structure.
2. Increase awareness of airports.

Strategies for Goal 1:

- a. Recruit airport individuals as future leaders.
- b. Increase membership involvement.
- c. Increase/diversify revenue.
- d. Improve communications.

Strategies for Goal 2:

- a. Make the public aware of the value of airports.

If you have any ideas for the action items to reach IPAA's goals, please email me at aperry@cityofdubuque.org or anyone else on the board so we can discuss them before the February 16th board meeting. Thanks and see you in Des Moines on March 9th. →



Andy Perry, President

Fairfield Municipal Airport 2006



The Fairfield Municipal Airport is in the final phases of a 5,500 foot precision approach runway construction project for business jet aircraft. 15 years ago the Airport Committee recognized that the 25 year old runway constructed in 1966 was going to need major reconstruction to eliminate maintenance costs. The business community was also expanding with companies that had national and global connections and they used business aircraft, including jets. A campaign to persuade the city government that a new runway was necessary began with a new Airport Master Plan. With this information the businesses and the community were educated to convince them of the need for a longer runway.

The Master Plan including a 5,500 foot runway was prepared in 1993. A Five Year Capital Improvement Program that included the runway proposal was presented to the FAA in 1994. Many meetings with the FAA in Kansas City and Washington D.C. and with our federal legislators

moved the process over the years. The support and assistance from the Aviation Department of IDOT has been extremely helpful and valuable. The expert advice and planning by our engineering consultant firm Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. has made the process effortless.

The Fairfield Municipal Airport Committee, with the assistance of Airport Manager Robert Lyons, has had the responsibility for keeping the airport facility current. A long-range needs plan is continually revised. Through the financial grant programs of the Aviation Department of IDOT the original ramp has been reconstructed, an additional ramp expansion has tripled the space, a maintenance building has been constructed and improvements are being made to the terminal building and a corporate hanger. Included in the long-range plan is an additional maintenance building, a Ground Communications Outlet, new snow removal equipment, enlarging the parking lot, expanding ramp space for additional corporate hangers,

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lengthening and paving the east-west grass strip and updating the Airport Master Plan to be ready for the future.

Fairfield is a unique small city with a balanced manufacturing and business community. The city is not supported by one or two large employers alone. Many of the businesses are new technology based. Over 50 of the 350 local business members of the Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce could use the new runway.

The city and Jefferson County are in a renewal mode evidenced by the construction of the Jefferson County Civic Center, a Downtown Beautification Program, development of Cultural Districts, advancement of tourism by the Fairfield Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as the airport expansion. The Fairfield Economic Development Association, the Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Fairfield Entrepreneurs Association have been leaders in airport and community expansion.

The Fairfield Municipal Airport is the front door to our business community. How it looks and how well it works is important to the future of the Fairfield community.

**Robert Glocke, Chair
Fairfield Municipal Airport
Committee**

2005 Aviation Conference Scored Another Success

With over 200 people in attendance this year's Aviation Conference (held November 2 – 3, 2005 in Des Moines) was a big hit according to the evaluations completed at the conclusion of the event. From Jerry Cockrell's opening session, "How to Fail Your Way to Success in Aviation," to the closing luncheon and awards program with featured speaker Paul Berge, attendees gave the overall conference an average score of 2.4 out of a possible score of 3. Two of the highest scored sessions were

ones on pilot safety led by Jerry Cockrell and Shane Osborn, and a session by Shane in which he shared some of his stories as a Navy pilot.

The West Des Moines Sheraton, the location of this year's event received high marks, as did the overall length of the conference. This year's trade show also received good scores, but attendees continue to seek larger participation by a broader range of exhibitors.

Based on feedback from the attendees the Iowa Public Airports Association, with its partner the Iowa

Department of Transportation, has decided to schedule the conference in the spring of the year instead of the fall. With this change, the next Aviation Conference will occur in the spring of 2007. Look for more details in future issues of AirWaves.



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