



## ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY REPORT

April 2016

### PROJECT UPDATES

- **Mowing / Sweeping Equipment** – The Airport is in the process of completing the equipment grant that was received from the State of Colorado with the purchase of a tractor with mowing, sweeping and additional snow plowing capabilities. The purchase was brought before the board at the April 26<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting and was approved.
- **Snow Removal Equipment Building** – The initial planning phase of building a snow removal equipment building continues.

### WILDLIFE HAZARD ASSESSMENT (WHA)

- Due to the increased awareness of wildlife inhabiting airports and the threat they pose to aviation operations, the FAA has implemented procedures and guidelines to mitigate wildlife damages to aircraft and aviation operations. Recently, CDOT's Division of Aeronautics entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services (WS) to conduct wild life hazard assessments at Colorado General Aviation airports under the direction of FAA recommendations. The agreement was made to assist airports in conducting a WHA and developing long-term management goals and objectives through the development of a wildlife hazard management plan (WHMP). The Erie Municipal Airport's WHA was conducted by a qualified airport wildlife biologist with the Colorado WS program from May 2013 through April 2014. Airport Management has received a draft copy of the findings and recommendations of the WHA and will present those to the Board after Airport Management review.



### SAFETY ISSUES

- Daily/weekly inspections of the airport did not identify any safety issues that required intervention.

## UAS (UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS) OPERATIONS



UAS aircraft, also known as drones, are becoming increasingly popular. Airport Management continues to work closely with the FAA to determine the best way to manage the increase in UAS operation requests to ensure continued safe Airport operations. Airport Management has also provided two links on the Erie Municipal Airport's website, [www.flyeik.com](http://www.flyeik.com), to provide pilots and drone operators additional information regarding drone operations.

## EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/TRAINING

- Airport Management, in conjunction with a local FAA Safety Counselor, recently met with the Erie Police Department to discuss emergency procedures at the airport. Airport Management and the Safety Counselor will be working together, along with the Erie Police Department and the North Metro Fire Department to design and implement mock emergency procedures. The goal in this endeavor is clear communications and operations during an emergency.



- The 2016 Erie Air Fair is scheduled for August 13, 2016. The Air Fair is a community-oriented event to encourage people from the surrounding communities to visit and learn about the airport. Once again, Airport Management wants to thank Erie Air Fair LLC for all of their hard work in organizing the Erie Air Fair each year and we look forward to working with them again in 2016.
- For more information about the Air Fair, go to [www.erieairfair.com](http://www.erieairfair.com).

## INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

- No incident/accidents as of the date of this report.

## NOISE COMPLAINTS

- Airport Management received one phone calls from a resident whose home is north of the airport, regarding an aircraft perceived as flying too low over his community. The airport manager consulted the resident.

## DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

- In response to comments from residents from surrounding communities regarding aircraft arriving and departing the airport, Airport Management is continuing the process of developing a Good Neighbor Policy. Our goal is to identify noise sensitive areas around the airport and educate pilots, both pilots visiting from other airports and local pilots, about those sensitive areas. Airport Management is in the process of creating a map depicting the noise sensitive areas. When complete, the map will be prominently displayed around the airport in places such

as the pilot lounge and the fuel island. In addition to physical postings, the map will be published on the Erie Municipal Airport website, [www.flyeik.com](http://www.flyeik.com). Airport Management will also consult with Town staff and request that the map be published on the Town of Erie website airport page as well. In addition to the development of the Good Neighbor Policy, Airport Management is working with an FAA Safety Team member in planning the Spring Safety Meeting schedule for later this spring.