



## ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY REPORT

May-June 2016

### PROJECT UPDATES AND THANK YOU

- Airport Management would like to take this opportunity to thank the State of Colorado, the Town of Erie Board of Trustees and Town of Erie Staff for approving and purchasing the much needed mowing equipment! The new Kubota tractor, the 18' triple-deck mower, and the 8' single deck mower will cut down the time spent mowing dramatically.



Our brand new mowing equipment arrived at the beginning of June and was put to use almost immediately! Before the new equipment arrived, it would take approximately 30-35 hours to mow the entire airport. The recent mowing took approximately 13.5 hours over several days to complete.



In addition to the mowers, we receive a sweeping brush to help clean debris from airport surfaces and an additional snow plow that will help to clear snow from some of the smaller areas around the airport.

- Snow Removal Equipment Building** – The planning phase of building a snow removal equipment building continues and Airport Management and Town Staff are currently in the process of site selection for the new building

### 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 is working 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 is also in the process of developing a map that will illustrate to UAS operators where they are allowed to fly their UAS in the vicinity of the Airport. When Airport Management completes the development of the map, the map will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval. After the Board has a chance to review and approve the map, it will be posted on the airport website, [www.flyeik.com](http://www.flyeik.com), and eventually be incorporated into the airport rules and regulations. Airport Management will be working with the surrounding communities once the map is approved to ensure that residents of those communities are aware of the areas that would allow UAS operations in the vicinity of the airport.

## EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/TRAINING



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). Please help spread the word and invite Erie residents for a great day at the Airport!

## INCIDENTS/ACCIDENTS

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

## NOISE COMPLAINTS

- Airport Management received three phone calls and two emails from residents whose homes are northeast of the airport, regarding low flying aircraft over the residential communities. The Airport Manager responded to the concerns and attempted to identify the subject aircraft.

## DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

- Airport Management is in the process of developing a Good Neighbor Policy. Our goal is to identify noise sensitive areas around the airport and educate pilots about those sensitive areas. Airport Management is in the process of creating a map depicting the noise sensitive areas and will include recommended flight patterns. 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.

Airport Management is currently planning an FAA Air Safety Seminar which will include various safety topics and will include discussion of this program.