

Good News Concerning Storm Water Utility Fees

As most are aware, the Airport Authority has been objecting to the imposition of storm water utility fees by the City of Greeley in a continuing effort to reduce, or eliminate the fees altogether, which would have a direct financial impact on every tenant based at GXY. In October, approximately 25 airport tenants attended the Greeley City Council Meeting to support the Airport Authority's position on this matter. Although the City ultimately did not discuss the issue that night, the presence of those who attended was duly noted by the City, in what we believe has now lead to the current status of the matter. At the time of this writing, the City had just presented the Airport Authority with a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to be considered for execution between the City and Airport Authority. In a nutshell, the IGA, which would still need to be approved by the Greeley City Council, exempts the airport from all fees associated with the City's stormwater management program. The IGA also contains language which would require the Airport Authority to maintain compliance, on its own, with all applicable storm water regulations and policies of both the airport and the City. Since the Airport Authority has been responsible for this since 1992, and has maintained compliance on a consistent basis, there is no reason not to agree to this.

At this time, airport staff and legal counsel are reviewing the City's program requirements, but it is not anticipated that there are any major issues which would keep an agreement from being reached in the very near future. There are some additional items in the IGA as well which are being clarified. The end result however will be the assurance that the airport and its tenants will not be required to pay the fees which have been the topic of this matter for the past few years. The Airport Staff feels it is important to note that despite what can be considered conflicting goals, a number of City representatives, including the City Manager, the Public Works Director, and the Stormwater Division Manager, all worked hard with the Airport Authority staff to come to a determination on what was ultimately fair and reasonable for both the airport and the City. The airport staff wishes to thank those individuals for their cooperation, courtesy, and professionalism throughout these events. We also wish to thank those tenants and tenant employees who supported the Airport Authority's position, and who were present at the October City Council Meeting.

Airport Authority Welcomes New Office Manager

With the close of the 2005 calendar year, the Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority said goodbye to Mary Pat McKenna, its Office Manager for the past two years. Mary Pat relocated to the Denver area after Thanksgiving, but continued to work on a part time basis for the Airport Authority through the first week of January. Amanda "Mandy" Oliva has been hired to fill the airport's Office Manager position, and began working for the Airport Authority in mid-December. Mandy has had extensive experience in running an office over the past five years, and we welcome her to the Airport Authority's team. Mandy can be reached at (970) 336-3003, or email her at moliva@gxy.net. We welcome you to stop by the office the next time you are at the terminal to meet Mandy.

Winter Operations: Watch Out!

It's Official: GXY Is Outstanding!

At its annual membership meeting in early November held at the Jeffco Airport, the Colorado Pilots Association presented the Greeley-Weld County Airport with the 2005 Outstanding Airport of the Year Award for general aviation. The award was presented in recognition of the airport's contribution to general aviation in Colorado by providing an exceptionally well maintained facility with an outstanding restaurant, competitive fuel prices, and an exceptional level of personal attention and services that make it a favorite destination among the fly-to-lunch groups. In attendance to receive the award were Airport Manager Mike Reisman, Ken Harris of Harris Aviation/Peak Flight Support, and Jim Belleau of the Barnstormer Restaurant. The receipt of this award helps solidify the position and importance that the Greeley-Weld County Airport, and its

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Winter Operations; Watch Out!

We would like to again take an opportunity to remind tenants and other aircraft operators on the airport of some basic safety issues during snow events. During periods when airport staff are conducting snow removal operations on the airport's runways and taxiways, it is extremely difficult for the equipment operators to see aircraft taxiing around, and to hear them on the Unicom frequency. Also, it is especially important that any aircraft intending to take off or land when snow removal operations are in progress, establish radio contact with either the airport Unicom station, or the lead snow removal vehicle to inform them of their intentions, and to obtain permission.

For the second year now, during snow removal operations, both runways at GXY are Notamed as closed except with a 15 minute PPR (Prior Permission Required). This is intended to ensure that all snow removal equipment has adequate time to clear the runways, and provide a field condition report to the pilot, prior to the aircraft operation. Please also remember that line of sight does not exist on all portions of the airport when it comes to radio communications. Aircraft making calls from on the ground around the hangar areas are typically not heard by ground vehicles at the north end of the airport, making the establishment of radio contact even more important. By establishing contact with the airport Unicom station or the lead snow removal vehicle, pilots can ensure that all equipment is clear of the runway they intend to operate from, thereby ensuring the appropriate margin of safety for yourselves, as well as those of us on the ground.

GXY Safety Inspection: PASS!

The Federal Aviation Administration on Friday, January 6th, conducted an airfield safety compliance inspection of the Greeley-Weld County Airport. The results of the inspection according to the FAA inspector were a "clean bill of health", having found no violations or safety related concerns on the airport.

the Danstomer restaurant. The receipt of this award helps solidify the position and importance that the Greeley-Weld County Airport, and its tenants hold, within the Colorado aviation system. Over the past year, the Airport Authority has worked hard towards improving communications with tenants, and also in fostering an improved working relationship with tenants. The result has been a more comfortable atmosphere around the airport, which is believed to have contributed towards the overall performance level of the airport and its businesses, helping lead the way to the recognition that goes along with this award.

GXY Achieves Aviation Development Zone Status

On December 22nd, 2005, the Colorado Governors Office of Economic Development and International Trade officially recognized the Greeley-Weld County Airport as a registered Airport Development Zone. The Airport Development Zone Act, passed by the Colorado Legislature in mid 2005, makes available a state income tax credit of \$1,200.00 per new employee, for an aircraft manufacturing business which is located within the zone. The new law defines an "aircraft manufacturing" business as one involved in the development of new or prototype aircraft, or those involved in the production of certified aircraft.

The law also includes certain businesses that are involved in the manufacture of aircraft parts and components, which are being used in the assembly of new production aircraft. Aircraft manufacturers may begin claiming these credits on or after January 1st, 2006. The Airport Authority made application for this status in October, 2005, shortly after the application period was opened by the State of Colorado. While no businesses exist at the Greeley-Weld County Airport which presently qualify for these credits, the airport routinely markets the facility to potential aircraft manufacturing companies, among others, and this economic incentive is one which will help make the airport a more attractive place for businesses to consider locating to in the future.

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