



HARTSVILLE
REGIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Advisory Board Committee Annual Report

December 2016

Plans are for pavement rejuvenation for the runway to be completed this month. The cold tar sealer will rejuvenate pavement by 3/8" and will extend its' life by approximately 6 years. The sealer will be a much dark color that will slow the UV rays from oxidizing the pavement.

January 2017

Jet A tanker was painted and improved appearance at the Hartsville Regional Airport. The runway rejuvenation project was put on hold until spring because the product needs temperature above 50 degrees and no moisture for 6 days. Prepared data for Airport Economic Data Impact survey. FBO Hemming Hemmingsen has added a helicopter for the flight school offering an added value at the Airport. The FAA informed the City that taxiways can't be used when Airport is closed for repairs. The earliest the SCAC would resurvey approach for obstacles on HVS GPS WASS is May 2017.

February 2017

Dr. Gardner and FBO Hemming Hemmingsen completed a VOR-A approach questionnaire for the FAA. The SCAC completed a pavement condition study and will have results next month. The City received a letter from the FAA indicating there are two obstacles on the runway to address. FBO Hemming Hemmingsen is waiting for survey results from the Airport Economic Impact survey submitted last month.

March 2017

Scheduled meeting was cancelled.

April 2017

FBO Hemming recommends to clean approach 2-1 and received city approval for grounder type mower. Runway project is on hold for warmer weather next month. The Airport Economic Impact survey is complete and offers a starting point to continue to record information. The attendance is difficult to accurately record because it is an unmanned airport. The flight school has one student training on a helicopter and pilot, Sandi Brown will be an instructor soon. Ms. Sandi is also teaching an aviation science course at Hartsville High in hopes of getting more students interested in flight aviation. Hemming reported that fuel sales are steady. Committee members Dr. Gardner and Bryan Drayton's term expires June 30. Dr. Gardner will apply for another term and Bryan will rotate off the Board. SCAC Paul Wertz reported there would be hydro grinding starting May 1 and from May 8-12, the airport will need to be closed due to the pavement rejuvenation project. There are large cracks approximately 4' wide in front of Hemming's' hangar that appear unrepairable. Paul Wertz informed the committee that the SCAC flew the approach and identified tree obstructions remain. Dr. Gardner was surprised because the City worked with WK Dickson for several years and homeowners to resolve tree obstructions. Mr. Wertz said not enough trees were removed and the erosion at the airport is a significant issue. He stated the importance of installing a fence to help prevent further erosion. The committee approved SCAC to proceed with getting estimates on fencing.



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June 2017

Scheduled meeting was cancelled.

July 2017

As part of the airport rejuvenation project, the Airport permanent markings are complete. Fuel sales have increased. Hemming suggested the City purchase equipment to do necessary clearing work rather than outsourcing it every 2-3 years. Hemming met with the City Manager and Finance Director regarding a wish list for the Hartsville Regional Airport. Sandi Brown continues working towards becoming a flight instructor at the Airport. The SCAC was on site cutting fence for the airport but it was stopped to ensure it was approved by Operations Director. Dr. Gardner and Bryan Drayton applications were approved by City Council to serve again on the Hartsville Regional Airport committee. Applicant, Nelson Tart was notified of Council action. There is not money budgeted for erosion repair on 03 end of runway right now. On June 13 City administration met with the USDA regarding possible grants the City could apply for to use with airport improvements. Based on Hartsville's income, could potentially apply for a grant up to \$50,000 and get up to 50%. The current airport hangar lease reads that fee is .03/square foot which committee feels is very low. Committee member Lex West offered to reach out to hangar renters and explain leasing the space is an investment in the airport and future growth.

August 2017

Did not have quorum so did not hold meeting.

September 2017

Scheduled meeting was cancelled.

October 2017

Flight traffic is increasing. Both GPS approach and VOR are now operational. Sandi Brown Is coordinating Young Eagle Rally November 14 with City staff assistance. All participants will receive aviation log book with a free ground course, savings of \$200. City Council approved a resolution to apply for a USDA Community Facilities grant at the August meeting. Airport perimeter fencing project awarded to Fortress Fencing. Committee made motion to suggest City Council raise the hangar land lease rental rate from 3 cents to 24 cents per square foot. Hemming offered to manage planes that currently don't pay any fees parked in open hangars.

November 2017 Scheduled meeting was cancelled.