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MUSCATINE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS PUT TO THE TEST

Facility passes test of hosting large number of corporate aircraft

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Muscatine Municipal Airport recently completed a major reconstruction project on Runway 6/24 and that new surface received a major test this week with the arrival and departure of seven private jets over a 24-hour period.

The \$4.8 million Runway 6/24 Reconstruction Project removed and replaced the runway while also improving signage and drainage. The project was recognized by the Iowa Concrete Paving Association as the best in the Reliever/General Aviation Category. The FAA funded 90 percent of the runway reconstruction.

“We have a number of projects coming up to continue the improvements to the facility,” Adam Thompson, Airport Administrator and Planning/Community Development Coordinator for the City of Muscatine, said.

Several projects will be undertaken this year including security improvements and upgrading the fuel facility. A state Airport Security Grant will pay for most of the \$25,000 project to replace analog cameras with digital cameras while a General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure Grant from the state will fund most of the \$176,470 cost of upgrading the fuel facility to include self-service.

In the planning stages are reconstruction of the taxiway and work on the T-Hangars including apron expansion.