

# The Flight Line

## Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field Newsletter Jackson, Michigan

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### 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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#### From the Airport Board Chair

2020 will be remembered for the Corona virus pandemic that shut down most activity globally. We saw our operations numbers drop substantially and we closed out the year nearly 40% down from 2019 operations numbers.

However, 2020 was not all gloom and doom. The airport remained open, our tenants and lease holders kept us financially sound, and we managed to complete the terminal apron reconstruction. Along with a new terminal apron, we were able to add a patio to the airport restaurant. This addition will provide outdoor dining and lounging for patrons of the restaurant.

2021 will bring its own challenges as we continue recovering from the pandemic. Our main focus will continue to be operating a full service airport that serves our community and fosters economic growth.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve you on the Airport Board as its Chair. Thank you for that honor.

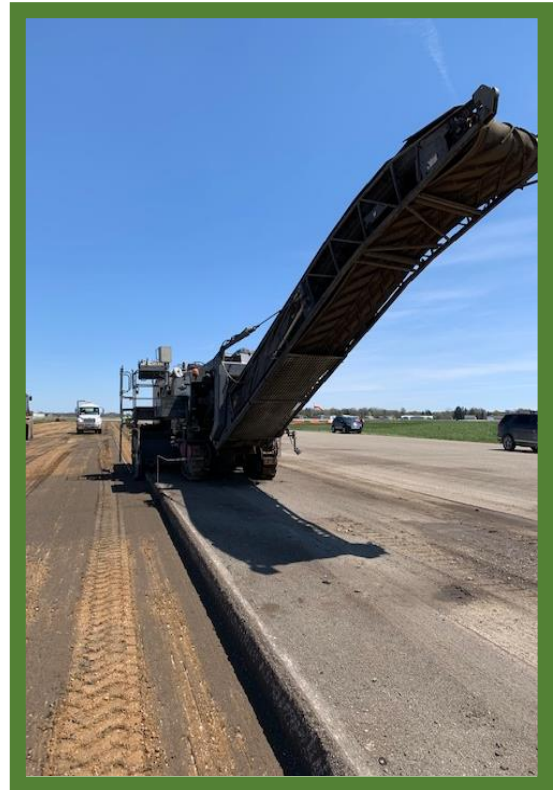
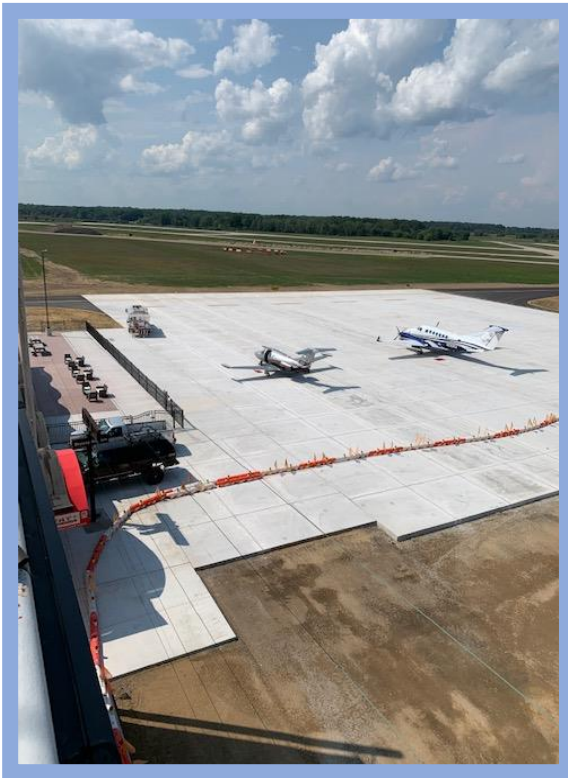
*John Feldvary, Chair  
Airport Board*

## Capital Improvements

In partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, we completed the redesign and reconstruction of the main apron at the airport. We successfully leveraged federal dollars to replace the oldest pavement on the airport. Our new \$3.2 million dollar terminal apron meets all federal standards and will serve the airport for years to come.

We also accomplished badly needed crack sealing on runway 14-32. This crack sealing project will continue in 2021 as we do taxiways B and D.

With help from our partners at Jackson County Department of Transportation, we were able to get rid of the remaining sections of the abandoned runway 06-24 pavement. JCDOT was able to purchase the millings from us to use on their road projects. We did leave a segment of 06-24 pavement to be used as a future corporate apron west.



## 2020 Airport Board Awards

The Jackson County Airport Board strives to recognize annually those organizations, groups or individuals who have made contributions or given of their time to improve Jackson County Airport – Reynolds Field.



The Airport Board presented a Letter of Appreciation to Frequency Finders for their consistent support of airport businesses by locally meeting all their aircraft maintenance and fuel requirements. Additionally, because of their growing national reputation of VHF aeronautical band signal leakage detection and their innovative work in flyover testing for signal leakage of the cable industry, they continue to attract national focus on the Jackson County Airport and local community.

The Airport Board presented a Letter of Appreciation to recognize Jackson College for their past contributions to the success of Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field. The relationship began in 1939 when the college initiated the Military Civilian Pilot Training Program, which provided initial flight training to future military pilots. By 2002, the college program had become the largest community college aviation program in the United States, with over 300 annual enrollments in the program and over 30,000 annual operations at the airport. Although, the program came to an end on August 1, 2020, we value the long standing relationship with Jackson College.



The Airport Board presented a Letter of Appreciation to Mead & Hunt for their contribution to the successful completion of the 2020 apron project at the Jackson County Airport-Reynolds Field. The personal attention, expertise, and constant on-site supervision throughout the project provided by Dan Kehoe and Craig Draper resulted in a trouble free, incident free, and on budget project.

## 2020 Airport Board Awards Continued



The Airport Board presented a Letter of Appreciation to Mead Brothers Excavating for their ability to complete the Apron project on time despite numerous supply chain challenges and working in extremely tight quarters without disrupting aircraft operations.

The Airport Board presented the Reynolds Field Contributor Award to Carl Boylan. Carl has been a member of the Airport's Advisory Council since 2014. Prior to his service with the Advisory Council, Carl had an illustrious career as a military pilot in Vietnam, as a helicopter pilot working for Asplundh Aviation and later for Consumers Energy. With over 28,000 hours flight time, Carl has been recognized by the rotary wing industry for his outstanding safety record. In 2006, Carl was the pilot in command of the aircraft that located an aircraft wreckage, and the injured pilot, in the Waterloo Recreation area during extreme winter conditions. The pilot survived the incident because of Carl's brave actions and skillful flying. Carl's service to the community and to the airport is well deserving of the Reynolds Field Contributor Award.



The Airport Board presented the Reynolds Field Contributor Award to Dr. Gregory Fuller. Dr. Fuller is an emergency medicine specialist with a designation by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Medical Examiner. He has been serving the aviation community in Michigan as an AME since 2005, and pilots as far away as Ohio and Indiana come to see Dr. Fuller. Without a flight Physical, pilots are grounded and because of his reputation as being fair and thorough, pilots continue to seek his medical expertise. Dr. Fuller's service to the Jackson pilot community is well deserving of the Reynolds Field Contributor Award.

The Airport Board presented the Reynolds Field Contributor Award to Amy Guerriero. Amy's expertise in economic development, grant writing and project management was a tremendous asset to the Jackson County Airport during her twelve plus years of service on the Advisory Council. Her experience as a senior planner for Region Two, as an economic development project manager for the City of Jackson, and as Vice-President of the Enterprise Group gave Amy the background to help guide the Airport's business plan development. Amy Guerriero's service to the airport is well deserving of the Reynolds Field Contributor Award.



## JXN Aviation Services Directory

### *Food and Catering*

The Apron Restaurant & Spirits

517-783-3616

[https://www.facebook.com/The Apron Restaurant & Spirits/](https://www.facebook.com/TheApronRestaurant&Spirits/)

### *Aircraft Maintenance and Repair*

Jackson Aero

517-780-0343

<http://www.freewebs.com/jacksonaero/index.htm>

LGJ Aviation Services

517-740-9781

### *Aircraft Fueling and Ramp Services*

Skyway Aviation

517-787-2460

<http://www.skywayjxn.com/>

### *Car Rental*

AVIS-Budget

517-782-8218

<http://www.avis.com/car-rental/avisHome/home.ac>

### *Aviation Clubs*

EAA Chapter #304

<http://eaa304.com/>

Aero Investors Flying Club

<http://www.aeroinvestorslc.com/>

## 2021 Airport Advisory Council

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Alan McCardell, Chair      | Community Member,<br>Pilot                 |
| Heath Beasley, Vice-Chair  | Community Member,<br>Pilot                 |
| Robert W. Smith, Secretary | Community Member                           |
| Harold Burke               | Aero Investors Flying<br>Club & pilot      |
| Tom Cubberly               | Community Member,<br>Pilot                 |
| Cole Dillon                | Community Member,<br>Pilot                 |
| Mark Johnson               | Corporate pilot                            |
| Ben Jordan                 | Skyway Aviation,<br>Pilot                  |
| Jack Koch                  | Community Member                           |
| Mike Witsaman              | Midwest Air Traffic –<br>JXN Tower Manager |

The Airport Advisory Council meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, except during the summer months of June, July and August, in the EAA Conference room. This group of volunteers assists greatly in the achievement of the Airport's goals and objectives.

## 2021 Airport Board



**Members from left to right: seated are Tom Davis, John Feldvary, Commissioner James Shotwell, Jr. Standing are, Commissioners Rodney Walz and Phil Duckham. Not pictured: Mike Overton, County Administrator.**

(Photo courtesy of John Feldvary)



# Jackson's Flight Plan

In 2021 we continue to follow our federal airport capital improvement plan by purchasing easements on the approach to runway 25. This is our precision instrument approach runway, and in order to maintain our 200' and ½ mile visibility minimums on the ILS runway, we need to continue purchasing the right to remove obstructions that may grow inside the approach surface. This will be an ongoing project with easement acquisition in 2021 and obstruction removal in 2022.

Additionally, the crack sealing project that was started late in 2020 by crack sealing taxiways B and D will be completed. We will also be putting a fresh coat of paint on all the runway and taxiway markings. Runway markings typically have to be refreshed every 3-5 years so expect to see some temporary runway and taxiway closures as we paint fresh markings on all the runways and taxiways.

## MICHIGAN STATE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ACIP)

|                     |                             |                |                          |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Airport Name:       | Jackson Cnty - Reynolds Fld | Date Prepared: | 11/19/2020               |
| Associated City:    | Jackson                     | Sponsor Name:  | Jackson County           |
| Airport Identifier: | JXN                         | Sponsor Email: | jzapata@co.jackson.mi.us |

| Dev. Year | Project Description  | Concept# | Shown On ALP | ACIP Code | NPIAS Priority Rating | Entitlement | Discretionary | Apportionment | State    | Local    | Total     |
|-----------|--|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 2021      | Rehabilitate Runway Airfield Pavement Marking                    | 206681   | Yes          | RERWIM    |                       | \$117,000   |               |               | \$6,500  | \$6,500  | \$130,000 |
| 2021      | Acquire Easement for Approaches Rwy 25 Parcels TBD Land          | 208983   | Yes          | STLASZ    | 44                    | \$144,000   |               |               | \$8,000  | \$8,000  | \$160,000 |
| 2022      | Acquire Snow Removal Equipment Pre-owned Carrier Vehicle w/Plow  | 211361   | N/A          | STEQSN    | 47                    | \$108,000   |               |               | \$6,000  | \$6,000  | \$120,000 |
| 2022      | Obstruction Marking/Lighting/Removal (Non-Hazard)                | 211688   | Yes          | STRWOB    | 52                    | \$15,300    |               |               | \$850    | \$850    | \$17,000  |
| 2022      | Obstruction Marking/Lighting/Removal (Non-Hazard) 25             | 125059   | Yes          | STRWOB    | 52                    | \$90,000    |               |               | \$5,000  | \$5,000  | \$100,000 |
| 2023      | Rehabilitate Taxiway B and East Hangar Area Phase I & II Design  | 125049   | Yes          | RETWIM    |                       | \$76,500    |               |               | \$4,250  | \$4,250  | \$85,000  |
| 2024      | Rehabilitate Taxiway B and East Hangar Area Phase I Construction | 132096   | Yes          | RETWIM    |                       | \$675,000   |               |               | \$37,500 | \$37,500 | \$750,000 |
| 2025      | Rehabilitate Taxiway East Hangar Area Phase II Construction      | 125051   | Yes          | RETWIM    |                       | \$508,500   |               |               | \$28,250 | \$28,250 | \$565,000 |
| 2026      | Rehabilitate Apron Auxiliary Design                              | 202094   | Yes          | REAPIM    | 60                    | \$37,800    |               |               | \$2,100  | \$2,100  | \$42,000  |
| 2027      | Rehabilitate Apron Auxiliary Construction                        | 202095   | Yes          | REAPIM    | 60                    | \$583,200   |               |               | \$32,400 | \$32,400 | \$648,000 |

## Airport Restaurant *The Apron Restaurant & Spirits*

Even with the pandemic affecting restaurants and small businesses, The Apron Restaurant & Spirits has continued to move forward with new ideas, menu items and new additions to the restaurant.



The new patio in use!

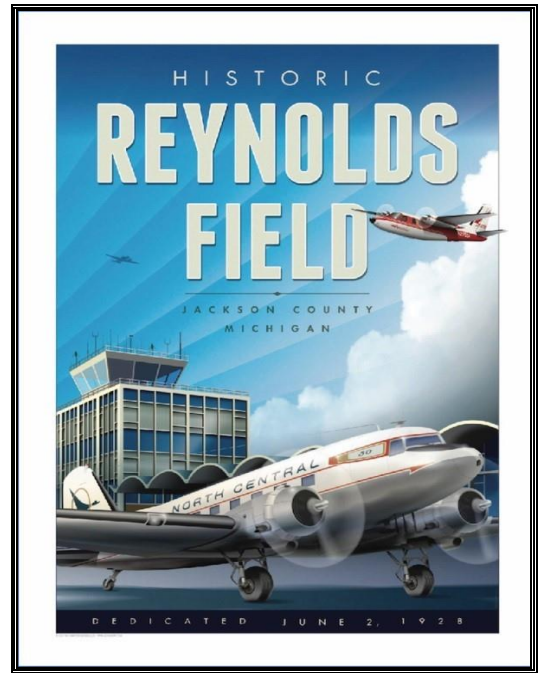


A new pizza oven!

## Historic Reynolds Field Poster

We still have a few of these collectable posters donated by Anthony Hurst. All proceeds will be used for updates to the airport's Heritage Park.

To purchase one of these limited prints, contact the Airport Admin office at 517-788-4225. The cost is \$20 for the standard poster and \$30 for an artist signed poster. Many thanks to Anthony Hurst for his generous poster donation and creative idea to commission the project for the Airport.



We saw many cancellations in 2020 due to COVID 19. Hoping 2021 will be filled with fun events for all.

# What's Up...

## JXN Social Media

Want to connect or keep up with the Jackson County Airport, please check out our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyMIAirport/>

<https://www.instagram.com/jacksoncountyairportmi/>

For more detailed information on Airport happenings & policies, continue to use our website at:

<https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/232/Airport>



### **Airport #5 hard at work!**



(photo courtesy of Tom Cubberly)

### 2021 Airport Events Calendar

#### MAY

May 30<sup>th</sup>

EAA Pancake Breakfast

#### JUNE

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Blues Festival

#### JULY

July 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Faster Horses @ MIS

#### AUGUST

August 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

NASCAR @ MIS

#### DECEMBER

December 15<sup>th</sup>

Airport Board Awards &  
Holiday Open House