Darke County Airport

Information Compiled from County Records 2007 to 2017

One of the topics talked about this past year has been spending by the County at the Darke County Airport. The information provided is to help answer some of the questions and concerns heard from readers and individuals in the community. Covering topics from financing of the grants received, to the upcoming upgrades this summer, to the additional traffic as seen by increased fuel sales.

Airport Funds 2007-2017 (11 year period)

$2,662,357.89 in grant dollars brought back to Darke County over the last 11 years.

County’s share was $227,891.27 ($20,716.48/year investment).

Amounts Paid to Landowners for land surrounding the landing strip from these grant dollars received:
- Midmark $344,360.87
- Joe Henry Family $109,060.00
- Jda Spillers $788,000.00
- Dave Spillers $145,428.20
- Manion Griffin $100,000.00
- Total $1,465,849.07

Federal Grant, $1,989,092.00, 68%

2018 Airport Upgrades will Consist of:
- Regrading of areas around the Runway to improve Drainage.
- Converting the Runway lighting to LED.
- Resurfacing the length of the runway.
- Last resurface 1998/99 Normal roadway lifespan between resurfacing is approx. 10 years.
- Removal and reconstruction of Runway Turnarounds.
- Reconstruction of the Safety Landing Zone on the West end of the runway.
- Cost of the upgrades will be approx. $1.9 million of which the county’s budget is responsible for about $955,000 (which is 5% of the total bill or approx. 1 1/3 miles of 20’ wide county or township road being blacktopped.)

Additional length will allow planes to fill with more fuel due to weight and length required to take off. For Example, on an 85 degree day a BeechJet plane (which is the average type of jet that utilizes the Darke County Airport) can hold an 85% load or approx. 14000 of fuel, and when upgraded with the additional 300 feet of runway that same plane could hold a 95% load or approx. 18000 of fuel. This may not sound like much, but this adds additional miles to a flight and makes our airport more attractive to land and refuel. When they stop to refuel, there is a good chance they will also eat and visit businesses within our county as well.

Follow the happenings on the Darke County’s Airport on its Facebook Page.
It includes photos of planes visiting the county and upcoming events.
2016 will be a full year of events as we plan and hold the Annual Fly-In held in September and other events to help Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Darke County Airport. www.facebook.com/darkecountyairport

2015, 2016, 2017 Airport Fuel Sales

Jet Fuel amounts do not include any fuel used by Midmark, since they have their own tanks and purchase their own fuel.

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