

Improvements and repairs:

Starting in early January 2015, the HCAA made it a priority to attend to some neglected items of repair and maintenance. The following items have been repaired or replaced since that time.

- 1) Furnace pipe- a damper hole had been covered over with duct tape instead of being properly removed and replaced. The tape pulled loose and fumes were pouring into the lounge/office areas. The furnace was immediately shut down upon discovery and a licensed HVAC company made proper repairs. The technician commented these types of fumes had the potential to kill with just an hour of exposure.



- 2) The water to one set of T hangars had been shut off 2 years ago due to a leak. A licensed plumber came to look into the situation and immediately found the hole in the pipe was right in the water supply area, easily enough found, but due to the neglect of the entire water system, they could not even pressurize the line. Major repairs had to be made to the manifold and then the line repaired.
- 3) The pilot door in the lounge area would not close securely and a licensed locksmith was called in to make needed repairs. The issue was the metal door and frame moving from the winter cold, and the heat from the sun combining to take the door out of alignment.
- 4) Beacon white light was replaced with bucket truck assistance from the Huron County Engineer's office.
- 5) 16 bulbs were replaced on the runway and broken fixtures noted for repairs/replacement.
- 6) Commercial hangar was rekeyed due to side door being difficult to open/close and unauthorized persons being in the building without cause.
- 7) Maintenance hangar was rekeyed when it was noticed items were missing.

- 8) The lighted windsock on the runway did not work. Upon inspection it was noted someone had used wiring rated for residential, interior use only and strung it on top the ground, over a ditch and wired it into one of the runway lights. The board had a licensed electrician retrench and replace with approved wiring. A couple of runway lights were replace and repaired at the same time.



- 9) Windsock on the top of the maintenance hangar was replaced after 60 mph winds took it down.

Grants:

On July 16, 2015 The Huron County Commissioners signed the paperwork for a much needed federal grant for runway repairs. The HCAA opted to go for a more rigorous repair project than originally planned even though it will require an additional \$7,000.00 in matching funds bringing the airport match in the neighborhood of \$29,000.00. The runway, taxiway and apron will be crack filled and seal coated and new lines and numbers applied. We appreciate the support of the Commissioners on this project and look forward to working with them on additional projects.

We anticipate the grant will be awarded in August and work to begin in September. At that time, the airport will be closed to air traffic for approximately 10 days. As soon as we have a projected start date we will notify you of the closure.



Commissioner Tom Dunlap

News:

At the July 21st the Huron County Commissioners appointed Mr. Randy Birchfield to the HCAA. Randy is a pilot and operates a flight school. Mr. Brady and Ms. James welcome Randy's experience as a pilot and airport tenant and look forward to working with him.