



Tri-County Airport Authority (1J0) ("TCAA")

1983 Tri-County Airport Rd - Bonifay, FL 32425

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Report on Airport Identifier

Ross Statham: January 14, 2020

Our airport in the past has not qualified for a "larger airport" four letter code, such as Tallahassee's KTLH or Dothan's KDHN. Our current airport code is 1J0, which indicates to the aviation community that we are a very small airport, probably have a short runway and probably do not have AWOS-3 weather. However, because we now have a runway over 5000 feet, have a weather reporting station rated AWOS-3 and are a public use airport, it is my understanding from a review of the rules we now qualify for a four-letter code, which we are allowed to request as well as to help select the code (subject to FAA approval.)

I am of the opinion that we need to upgrade our code, since that will allow for easier flight operations and communicate to the world that we've grown. I therefore propose we consider the following:

1. That we agree as a board to begin the process of reviewing, discussing and recommending a new airport code;
2. That our choice be available (obviously!);
3. That our choice reflect our service to more than just the cities of Bonifay, Chipley or Graceville;
4. That our choice, if possible, either reflect our name and/or service area;
5. That our choice, if possible, be easily remembered by pilots;
6. That our choice, if possible, be easily spoken phonetically (since it will be used on the air);
7. That we seek the feedback of the local aviation community; and
8. That we select, adopt and provide our choice to the FAA.

It would be my desire that this would only be discussed at this initial meeting, be further considered by our Board and be re-visited for further discussion in February 2020.

Some suggested codes we may wish to consider:

CODE:	What It Would Stand For:
KTCF	"Tri-County Florida"; my top choice.
KTCA	"Tri-County Airport"; a good second choice, but usually you don't want to put the word "airport" into an airport code.
KTCR	"Tri-County Regional"; worth consideration if should also wish to consider renaming the airport we manage "Tri-County Regional Airport".
KNWF	Northwest Florida; would probably interfere with Panama City's "Northwest Florida Beaches" name already in use, plus require we re-name our airport.
KNFR	North Florida Regional; see previous comments.
KWHJ or variant	Washington, Holmes and Jackson Counties; might be difficult to use or remember.
KBCG or variant	Bonifay, Chipley and Graceville; clumsy because letters are phonically similar.
KBON or variant	Bonifay; would exclude other counties and towns we service.
KCPL or variant	Chipley; would exclude other counties and towns we service.
KGRC or variant	Graceville; would exclude other counties and towns we service.

My suggestion & recommendation after careful consideration: KTCF.