



**Tri-County Airport Authority**  
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RE: Frequency Change Transition  
Tri-County Airport Automated Weather  
Army mutual agreement regarding weather station  
Airport Identifier Scheduled Release Date

TCAA Board,

1. Regarding our requested common traffic advisory frequency change from 122.8 to 122.725, we were contacted by the Florida Department of Transportation's Aviation Coordinator, who reported that our requested frequency was "excellent" (they told Mark Wilson that the one we selected was ideal). They provided a report of other airports similar to our own analysis (enclosed). In short, they believe we selected the ideal frequency, and we handled the process with the FCC and FAA well.
2. They also provided a "best practices" document we can use to help ensure our transition to the new frequency go smoothly, and which we will seek to implement as much as is practical. One of their recommendations is that we put a "Notice to Airmen" on our automated weather frequency. Unfortunately, we do not have control of that weather unit-- it is owned and operated by the US Army, and managed by the National Weather Service. I was informed earlier this year that there is no ability to add a notice to airmen message on the automated weather.
3. They recommended we continue to monitor the "upcoming" chart announcements in order to learn when the new frequency will be put into effect. The September 10 release (in two days) doesn't not show a frequency change, but we will continue to monitor future updates:  
[https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/digital\\_products/dafd/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dafd/)
4. Also regarding the weather unit, our Treasurer has adjusted our budget to reflect the agreement we earlier reached with the Army that they provide and maintain the 1J0 ASOS-3 weather station on our field, for which we get "free" utility service from, and that in turn for providing us the service they pay us NO rent. We had earlier agreed to this, so our Treasurer adjusted the budget by \$750 per year.
5. Regarding our requested airport identifier change, from 1J0 to KBCR, we were informed by Florida Department of Transportation that this is scheduled for about 13 months from now-- October 2021. Both the FAA and the Florida Department of Transportation have asked us not to "announce" details of the identifier change to the pilot community until the date is much closer, to lessen confusion.

Sincerely,

Ross E. Statham  
Secretary