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**AVCON Capital Improvements Update  
Tri-County Airport  
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**ONGOING PROJECTS:**

**T.O. 09—Terminal Access & Security Improvements**

A construction Notice to Proceed was issued on September 21<sup>st</sup> and the contractor has been on site since. Construction is almost complete, with lighting, the automatic gate, and miscellaneous change order items remaining. The contractor anticipates being finished in the next few weeks. The grant deadline was extended by FDOT until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. At the last meeting, the board recommended for the contractor to move forward with some additional sidewalk work, relocating the old automatic gate, and relocating some fencing on the NW corner of the property. This leaves approximately \$24,813.25 of unallocated funds in the grant. We spoke with the sign manufacturer, and he offered a \$1,000 discount for Option 1, which brings its total to \$23,715.00 (excluding any mark-up for the contractor on-site).

**T.O. 12—Obstruction Removal**

Project will facilitate clearing existing trees that represent airspace obstructions and safety concerns at the Airport. With limited funds available for the removal work (~\$64,000), the removal of trees will be prioritized to optimize safety enhancements for aircraft and best utilize the available grant funds. Bid alternates will be included in the construction documents to facilitate this. Obstructions that cannot be addressed in this project will be addressed in the "Construct RSA, ROFA, and OFZ Improvements" project in FDOT Fiscal Year 2022-2023. We are now working with the FDEP to put together a detailed work plan for clearing the trees so they can advise on how the airport can proceed.

All Clear Land Clearing has completed their scope of work to clear the trees in the uplands in the rookery area. This will leave ~\$64,000 for additional obstruction removal. We are currently coordinating the permit exemption with an environmental scientist and are compiling bid documents. We anticipate advertising for bids before the next board meeting. The grant deadline was extended by FDOT until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**T.O. 01—Airfield Electrical Vault Replacement**

PTGA 423623-6 authorized by the board provides \$110,000 in state funding to address planning, design, and bidding of a new airfield lighting vault. By constructing a new vault, the airport can address all the issues associated with the existing facility and would ensure a functional electrical distribution system for the next 20 years or more. The new facility will have space to allow for future airfield lighting expansion, conditioned space for airfield control systems, and spare parts storage.

One bid was received from Bill Smith Electric. We recommend the Board award the Base Bid (vault without generator) in the amount of \$676,265.10. A Grant application was submitted to FAA last week to cover approximately 81% of these costs, while the FDOT Grant will cover the rest.

## **PENDING TASK ORDERS:**

### **T.O. 02—Height Zoning Ordinance Development**

This project will develop height zoning ordinances for Holmes, Washington, and Jackson Counties to protect future airport development. The grant deadline was extended by FDOT until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **T.O. 03—Infield Stormwater Improvements**

This project consists of stormwater improvements to convert a wet pond between Taxiway A and RW 01-19 to a dry pond and improvements to Runway Safety Area (RSA) grades that currently do not comply with FAA standards. Geotechnical testing is scheduled to be on site in the next month or so.

### **Airfield Markings**

This project consists of remarking the airfield using FAA BIL funds with a 10% match from FDOT. The project cost will total about \$60,000 which will all be covered by FAA and FDOT; however, because FAA is funding, the airport will most likely have to front cost then get reimbursed by FAA. A virtual pre-con meeting was held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and the contractor now anticipates being on site in May (TBD). The grant was executed with FDOT last month. The FAA Grant Application for this project was submitted last week.

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