

To: TCAA Board

From: Ross Statham, Secretary

Re: **Possible Location of Future Corporate or Box Hangars**

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This is an informational memo only, to foster discussion among the Board.

I'd like to discuss a very large potential new hangar location that I've been kicking around a bit with Calvin Palmer at AVCON in the blue area on the right. (The photo is old and doesn't show our new parking lot.)

This is a relatively flat area that includes a ditch that drains the area to the west and northwest of the airport and it backs against the road. I have been told that after periods of heavy rain the ditch is full of fast-moving water. That's a potential issue, but I know it can be resolved, because I have worked similar issues while living in northeast Georgia.



I believe that we may can use large culverts in those ditches and tie our taxiway in where I have indicated at either A, B or ideally, both. If we can make this work I could see us adding significant corporate hangars as well as new box hangars in this area. It is a VERY large space. And yes, it would take engineering funds and discussions around wetland mitigation.

Ideally we could place a new automated gate to provide access from Tri-County Airport Road. This would be appealing to corporate box hangar customers as well as helping folks in our existing hangar spaces.

Regarding Tri-County Airport Road, I have a few friends that are retired FDOT who have suggested we speak with FDOT and Holmes County to see about getting that road paved to the bottom of the airport; they gave me a few names that Jack Locke and I could meet with in Chipley. I believe that we could successfully argue that the dirt road is preventing growth.

Here's leverage: Jack and I met with a maintenance company that is very interested in relocating here and potentially bringing 30 well-paying jobs over the next ten years, as well as potentially relocating another company as well; they are preparing a letter of intent. These are the sort of tenants that will help us to greatly grow the airport and the surrounding areas.



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