



State of Florida

Okaloosa County Airports

March 27, 2023

Destin Executive Airport and Bob Sikes Airport Tenants, Users and Partners:

Subject: Updated Draft Airport Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards; Comment and Response Matrix; Redline drafts from the previous draft release on November 1, 2022

Over the last couple of years, Airport staff have been working on an extensive effort to overhaul the Destin Executive Airport and Bob Sikes Airport Minimum Standards (MS) for Commercial Aeronautical Activity and Airport Rules and Regulations (RR). The current MS and RR in Okaloosa County were established in 1977 and 1978 by Ord. No.77-11 and Ord. No. 78-03. The updates are an effort to modernize the County General Aviation Airports to not only meet but exceed industry standards.

As explained in previous meetings, most of the revisions are centered around operating policies, definitions, updates to outdated provisions and establishing a structure for accountability and compliance. The staff-developed plan has ensured public involvement and transparency throughout, and I trust you will see the results of those efforts during your review of the updated drafts and supporting documentation.

These are the actions taken to date and a look ahead:

- **August 24, 2022** - Held a public tenant meeting to unveil the plan and schedule
- **September 7, 2022** - Provided draft MS and RR to the FAA Airports District Office and the FAA Office of Airports Compliance and Management Analysis for review and comment
- **September 22, 2022** - Received response and comments from the FAA Airports District Office and the FAA Office of Airports Compliance and Management Analysis
- **November 1, 2022** - Held a 2nd Tenant Meeting to unveil draft MS and RR and posted documents for a 30-day public review and comment period
- **December 12, 2022** - Provided an update to the Aviation Board members and an opportunity during the Aviation Board Meeting for tenants to speak publicly about the updates. The Aviation Board voted to extend the public review and comment period to January 31, 2023.
- **February 13, 2023** - Provided an update to the Aviation Board members and an opportunity during the Aviation Board Meeting for tenants to speak publicly about the updates
- **March 14, 2023** - Provided an update to the Board of County Commissioners at the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners Meeting. This meeting also provided an opportunity for the tenants to speak publicly about the updates directly to the Commissioners.
- **March 27, 2023** - Release to the public: Updated draft RR and MS; Public Comments and Written Responses to all Public Comments; Redline Proposed Changes to the Draft RR and MS reflecting changes from the November 1, 2022 draft documents

- **April 10, 2023** - Present the RR and MS to the Okaloosa County Aviation Board. The Aviation Board will hear public comments, deliberate, provide direction to staff, as appropriate, and/or vote on a recommendation to the County Commissioners. This meeting will be an additional opportunity for the tenants or anyone else to speak publicly about the updates.
- **Tentative - May 2, 2023** - Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing Request
- **Tentative - May 16, 2023** - Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing - Present RR and MS for approval

We look forward to working with all stakeholders to finalize the RR and MS and align both of Okaloosa County's General Aviation Airports for success into the future.

Sincerely,



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