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GRAYSON COUNTY RMA HISTORY

The membership of the Grayson County RMA Board of Directors saw some changes in 2011. The majority of the Board remained the same with the exception of the positions held by Kay Yandell and Tim McGraw. Both left the Board at the end of their term and were replaced by Jeff Christie from Denison and Bill Rasor from the Gunter/Van Alstyne area.

Mr. Christie is no stranger to serving on Boards that oversee the North Texas Regional Airport. He was a longtime member of the Airport Board. Mr. Christie retired from American Bank of Texas in 2011 and is a long-time

resident of Denison.

Mr. Rasor has his MBA from the University of Texas at Austin and has been a farmer/rancher since 1976. He has served on various boards during the years. These boards include the American Shorthorn Association where he served a president for two years and the National Cattleman's Association Board.



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GRAYSON COUNTY TOLLWAY PROJECT

In September 2009, the Grayson County RMA entered into a financial assistance agreement with TxDOT for the development of the Grayson County Tollway. In February 2010, Brown & Gay Engineers was selected by TxDOT to implement the engineering study for the new tollway project. TxDOT, through the financial assistance agreement with the Grayson County RMA, had allocated

\$6.5M for the engineering portion of the project.

2011 began with the alternative alignments being narrowed down to three alignments and continued work on cost estimates for the project. During this time, work continued with the development of traffic models for the facility and aerial mapping of the various alignments so that a better picture of the ground could be devel-

oped.

The second public meeting was held June 21, 2011, in the Sherman Municipal Ballroom. Over 200 people were in attendance. Unlike the first meeting in November, a presentation was given on the work that had been done to date and was followed by an open house format.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The past year of 2011 was a busy year for our RMA. The Legislative Session was a very busy and important one for RMA's across the State. In GCRMA's case much of the legislation had no immediate effect on our activities. However, legislation passed will be of significant benefit in activities in the future.

Our most noteworthy accomplishment during the year was the selection of a preferred alignment for the Grayson County Tollway Project. This alignment is from FM 121 in South Grayson County connecting to U.S. 75 north of Denison.

Further work on this alignment was delayed as all traffic studies indicated this Tollway would not be needed or economically feasible in the near term. Rather the GCRMA decided to utilize available funds to include the span from the Grayson County Line to FM 121. We are working with TxDOT on this request.

Other key items of progress are listed below:

- The North Texas Regional Airport (NTRA) Master Plan was completed in 2011. It provides a 20 year vision of growth and development for the NTRA. The Plan has been approved by the GCRMA Board of Directors and Grayson County Commissioners Court and submitted to the FAA for approval.
- The majority of NTRA improvements were completed in 2011. The NTRA is now prepared for any expansion coming its way.
- A significant number of hangars underwent improvements during the year. These changes enhanced both safety and utilization of the facilities. Two buildings were demolished making room for large aircraft hangar construction.
- The progress made in 2011 is a result of an excellent GCRMA Board and their view to the future growth of Grayson County. Through partnering initiatives, the GCRMA has positioned itself to be a leader in economic development and growth across the County in the future.

Will "Bill" Hubbard,

Chairman, Grayson County RMA

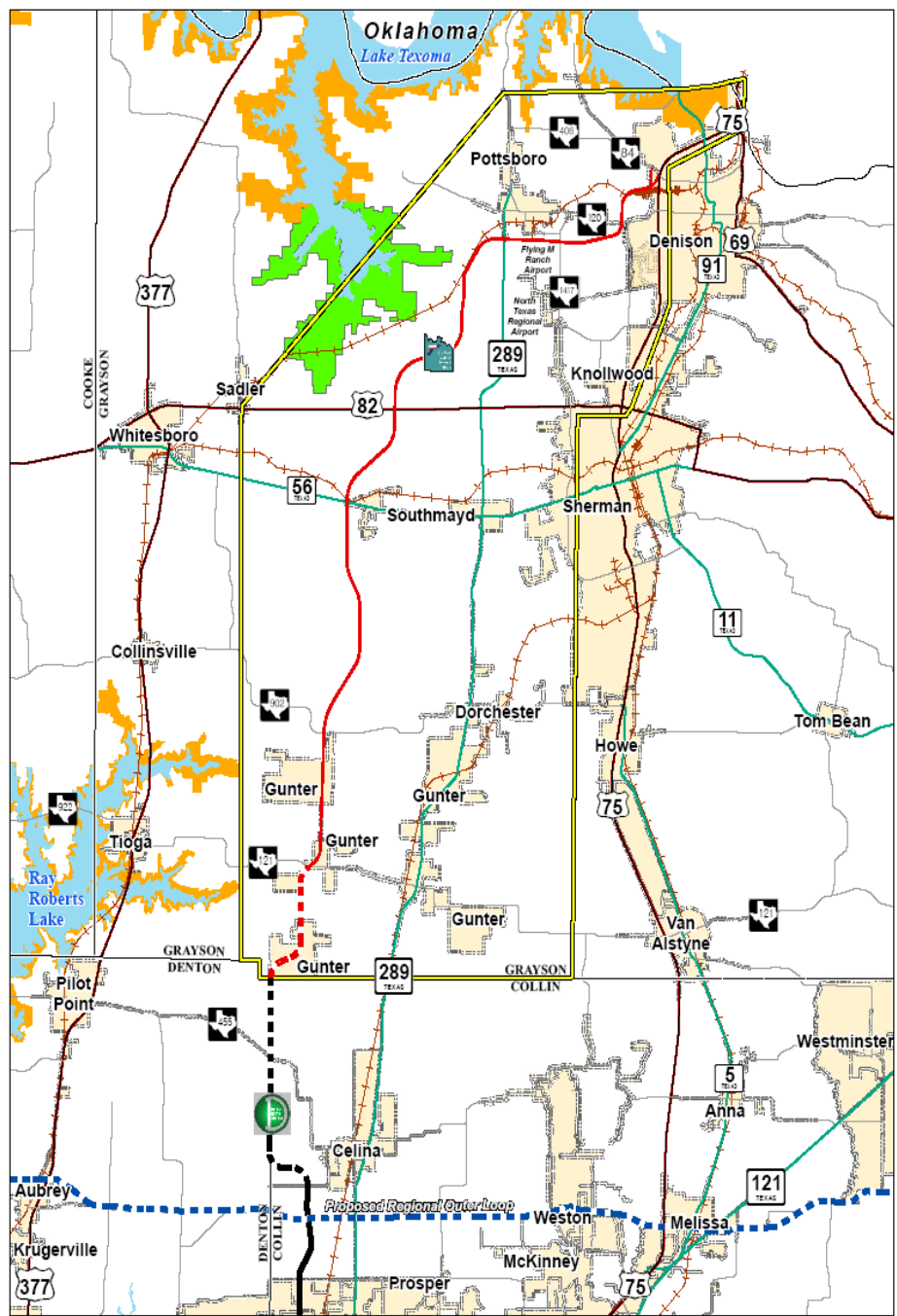


GRAYSON COUNTY TOLLWAY PROJECT, CONT.

There were 145 survey forms received and 90 comment forms received. Once again, the public was well represented and voiced their opinions on the proposed facility.

As work continued on the project, the time came for the Grayson County RMA to make a decision on the preferred alignment. On September 15, 2011, that alignment was approved by the Grayson County RMA. The preferred alignment began on the south end of Grayson County at FM 121 in Gunter and extended north to U.S. 75 north of Denison.

Because of feasibility issues with this alignment, the Grayson County RMA selected the preferred alignment but elected not to begin any environmental clearances that would lead to construction of the facility. Instead, the Grayson County RMA Board of Directors decided to work in a new direction and have the scope of the project expanded to include the area from the Grayson County line to FM 121. This decision will require that Grayson County RMA partner with the North Texas Tollway Authority and Texas Department of Transportation to extend the Dallas North Tollway into Grayson County.



Legend

Study Area	Railroad
GCT Recommended Preferred Alignment	Wildlife Management Area
Future Dallas North Tollway Phase 5A/GCT	Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
Future Dallas North Tollway Phase 4B	Lake
Future Outer Loop - Conceptual Alignment under study by NCTCOG	City Limit
Existing Dallas North Tollway/Dallas Parkway	County Boundary
Interstate and US Highway	
State Highway	
Farm-to-Market Road	

*All locations are approximate. Map Date: August 26, 2011

**Recommended Preferred Alignment
Grayson County Tollway**

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NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT

In October 2008, Grayson County Commissioners added to the authority of the Grayson County RMA by entering into an interlocal agreement for the operation of the North Texas Regional Airport. Many exciting things have been going on at the Airport. Work has continued at a steady pace at the North Texas Regional Airport. With the careful guidance of the Grayson County RMA, most projects have been completed and others have just begun.

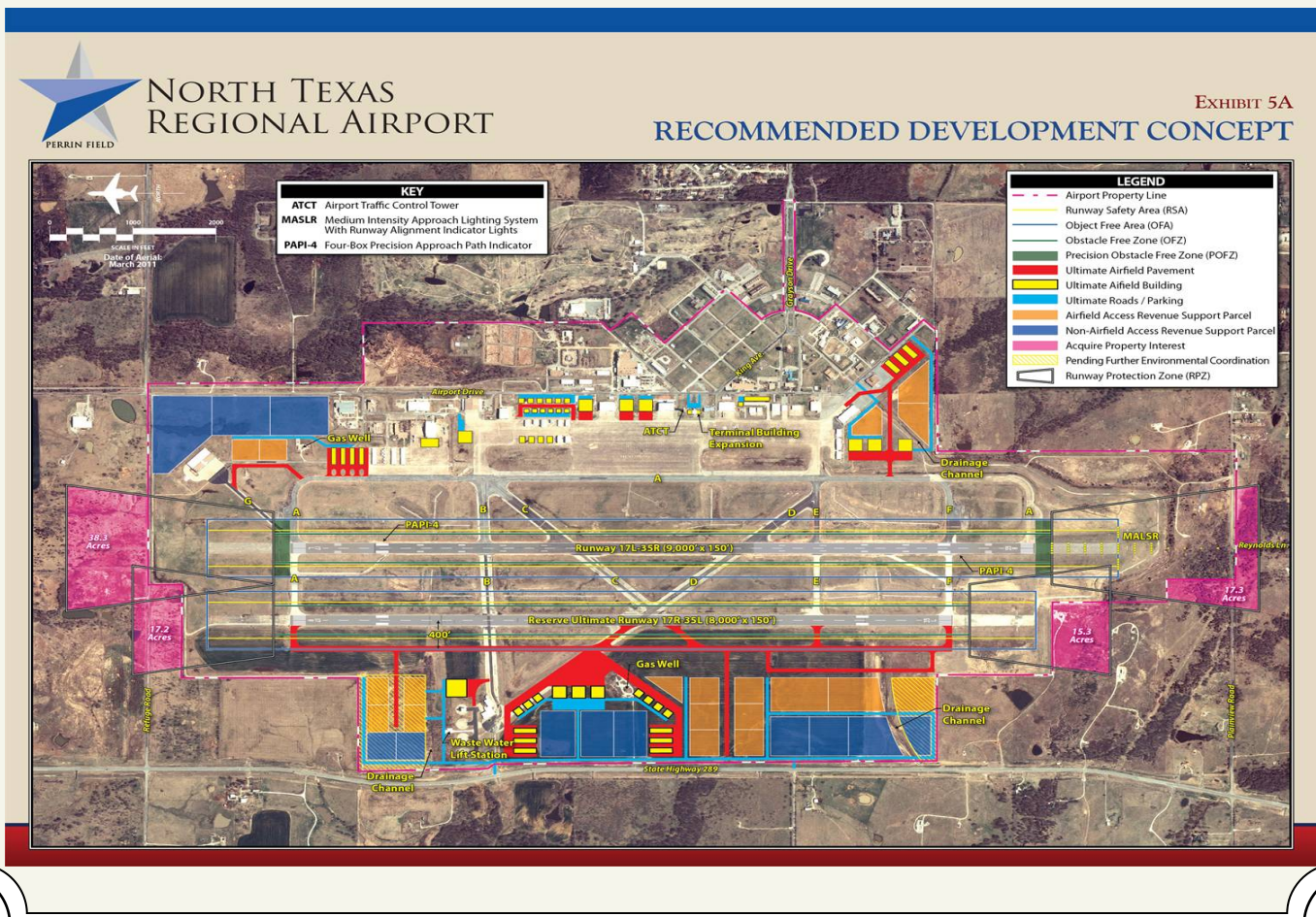
AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

The Airport Master Plan will provide a vision for the airport to encompass the next 20 years and beyond. With this vision, the GCRMA will have advance notice of potential future airport funding needs so that appropriate steps can be taken to ensure that adequate funds are budgeted and planned. Specific goals and objectives of the

Master Plan include; Preserve Public and Private investment, Be Reflective of Local and Regional Goals and Objectives, Maintain Safety, Preserve the Environment, Attract Public Participation and Input and Strengthen the Economy.

The Airport Master Plan was completed in 2011. The Grayson

County Commissioners Court and the Grayson County RMA Board of Directors met in a joint meeting on August 22, 2011. At that time, both bodies voted to approve the Airport Master Plan as presented. It has been sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for final approval.



N T R A L A N D U S E P L A N

The NTRA Land Use Plan seeks to protect the public from the adverse effects of airport noise, to ensure that people and facilities are not concentrated in areas susceptible to aircraft accidents, and to ensure that

no structures or activities encroach upon or adversely affect the use of navigable airspace.

The \$75,000 Land Use Zoning Plan which will assist in the planned growth surrounding the Airport was funded 100% by Grayson

County. Work on the plan began in 2010 and has continued through 2011. It is anticipated that work on the plan will wrap up in 2012 with adoption of the plan by Commissioners Court along with the Cities of Sherman, Denison and Pottsboro.

A I R F I E L D I M P R O V E M E N T S

Much of the major improvements on the airfield runway and taxiways were completed in 2011. TxDOT then had permission from the Texas Transportation Commission to continuing make improvements to the aircraft parking ramp. This project is the last of the Multi-Year

Capital Improvement Program for NTRA. The project is a \$1.18 million project that will complete the airfield improvements. Work began in November 2011 and will be completed in early 2012. This work was funded by a 90/10 grant from TxDOT.

North Texas Regional Airport is now ready for whatever expansion comes its way. The

cities of Sherman and Denison along with Grayson County continued their three year joint marketing campaign marketing the Airport to industries and companies looking to expand or relocate to the North Texas area. Successfully developing the Airport will bring job growth and economic development to the Grayson County area.

H A N G A R D E V E L O P M E N T

Building #504 and #507 were demolished after a long time tenant vacated the facilities. This opened up an area for large aircraft hangar development. The Grayson County RMA voted to approve a ground lease agreement with a new tenant to begin construction on a 15,256 square foot hangar and office complex.

NTRA, with approval from the Grayson County Commissioners Court, continued improvements on the existing hangars owned by the Airport. These improvements included work on the exterior of these hangars and many interior improvements which included electrical, lighting, and general improvements to improve the safety and general usefulness of the facilities.



THE FURY OF MOTHER NATURE

2011 brought several severe storms into the Grayson County area. In May 2011, two different storms came through NTRA causing extensive damage to various buildings.

To date, damage from those storms total in excess of \$1.3 million.

NTRA continues to make the necessary repairs to the damaged facilities and to demolish two

warehouses that total more than 38,000 sq. ft. of space.

Proceeds from the two demolished buildings will go into building a new large hangar in 2012, which will allow for further expansion of the NTRA.



THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY IN GRAYSON COUNTY

The past year's accomplishments are attributable to the thoughtful-minded Board and their partnering initiatives with local stakeholders in the county. Through continued partnering and visionary leadership, the Grayson County RMA has positioned itself to continue to

bring economic development, job growth and increased quality of life for the residents of Grayson County for years to come.

The Grayson County RMA continues to look at the future growth of Grayson County and the surrounding area when determining projects that will benefit the area.

The Grayson County RMA will continue to work with local stakeholders in allowing Grayson County to grow economically through economic development and job growth. As 2011 comes to an end, the Grayson County RMA looks forward to the challenges that this may bring in the coming year.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Grayson County RMA receives funding from Grayson County through the Grayson County Commissioners Court and through TxDOT through the financial assistance agreement.

During 2011, the Grayson County RMA incurred administrative expenses, legal expenses, and financial advisory expenses.

Revenue from Commissioners Court:	\$10,000.00
Revenue from TxDOT:	\$81,211.08
<u>Revenue from Other Sources:</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Revenue:	\$91,211.08

Administrative Expenses:	\$ 4,570.43
Legal Expenses:	\$37,979.31
Financial Advisory Expenses:	\$35,000.00
<u>Project Management:</u>	<u>\$15,207.12</u>
Total Expenses:	\$92,756.86



GCRMA BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Hubbard, Chairman

Ellis Olmstead

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