



GRAYSON COUNTY REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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GRAYSON COUNTY RMA

The membership of the Grayson County RMA Board of Directors saw one change in 2012. Ellis Olmstead, an original member of the Grayson County RMA, decided to retire from the Board of Directors. Commissioners Court appointed Randy Hensarling to fill that vacancy.

Mr. Hensarling is no stranger to serving on Boards that oversaw the North Texas Regional Airport. He

was a member of the Airport Board for three years until the Grayson County RMA took over the management of the Airport. Mr. Hensarling also serves on the Airport Zoning Commission, which is tasked with developing and implementing zoning regulations for property surrounding the airport.

Mr. Hensarling is President of Landmark Bank in

Sherman and is a resident of Denison. Mr. Hensarling received his BBA from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and his Master of Science in Finance from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.



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GRAYSON COUNTY TOLLWAY PROJECT

In September 2011, the Grayson County RMA chose the preferred the alignment for the Grayson County Tollway Project. This alignment came from the study that was conducted by TxDOT and Brown & Gay Engineers. Due to feasibility issues, the Grayson County RMA

decided to have the scope of the project expanded to include the area from FM 121 south to the Grayson County line. In January 2012, a resolution was adopted by the Grayson County RMA requesting that the scope of work be altered to include the roadway to extend to

the south. In November 2012, the Grayson County RMA approved a resolution supporting Grayson County's efforts to construct a new county road to extend from FM 121 south to the Grayson County Line, which will become part of the future Grayson County Tollway.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A new board member was appointed during 2012. Randy Hensarling was appointed by the Commissioner's Court to fill the vacancy created when Ellis Olmstead, an original member of the GCRMA, chose to retire from the board.

This past year, 2012, proved to be a year of redirections and consolidation for the GCRMA.

The redirection occurred in the scope of the feasibility studies funded by TxDOT for Grayson County. The RMA requested that the scope of work be altered to include the area from FM 121 south to the Grayson County line. Progress on this awaits agreements in place south of the county line.

A major share of the Board's efforts focused on improvement and development of the North Texas Regional Airport. Listed below are indicated activities:

- The Capital Improvement Project, including work on the airfield side of the Airport, was completed in 2012.
- Hangar improvements continued in 2012.
- The developing of new hangar growth was approved by the GCRMA and the Commissioner's Court as a design-build hangar was undertaken.
- NTRA assumed responsibility for the Airport Traffic Control Tower in June.
- A flight school arrived in June 2012. Air traffic has grown dramatically since U.S. Aviation Academy arrived.

Events brought to the Airport include:

- Wings of Freedom Tour in April
- Lone Star Aerobatic Championship in June
- U.S. National Aerobatic Championship in September

The Grayson County RMA continues to look to the future as they evaluate projects that will improve mobility within the area to bring economic development, job growth and an enhanced quality of life to the residents of our County.

Will "Bill" Hubbard,

Chairman, Grayson County RMA



NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL AIRPORT

The Grayson County RMA has continued to lead the North Texas Regional Airport in the direction of steady growth. The Capital Improvement Project which included work on the airfield side of the airport was completed in 2012.

The cities of Sherman and Denison along with Grayson County have continued their joint marketing campaign marketing the Airport to industries and companies looking to expand or relocate to the North Texas Area. Continued growth at the Airport will continue to bring job growth and economic development to the Grayson County area.

HANGAR IMPROVEMENTS

Hangar development has continued through 2012. NTRA, with support from the Grayson County Commissioners Court, has continued making improvements to the existing Hangar 5506 and Hangar 5509

owned by the Airport. Work included covering the existing 60 year old exterior sheet metal with new sheet metal and adding rock facade below the office windows of each hangar to enhance the appearance.

Additional interior work on Hangar 201 included updating the hangar bay lights, upgrading the electrical panels and receptacles and painting the interior of the hangar.



HANGAR DEVELOPMENT

The Grayson County RMA and Grayson County Commissioners Court approved moving forward with the first Design-Build Hangar Construction at NTRA. Funding for this project is being provided by insurance proceeds from the demolition of two airport buildings that were damaged in storms in May 2011, Grayson County

and Texas Turbine Conversions, Inc., who will be the tenant.

With the approval of the Design-Build Hangar Construction by Grayson County Commissioners Court, Texas Turbine Conversions, Inc., moved their business operation from Celina, Texas, to NTRA in July 2012. They are an engine modification company that specializes in Garrett TPE331

(Honeywell) Engines. The move not only brought a new business to NTRA, but it brought along approximately twenty-five jobs. Upon completion of the new hangar, it is anticipated that they will employ approximately fifty employees. The construction of the new 28,500 sq. ft. hangar will be completed in 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AIR

NTRA took over operation of the Airport Traffic Control Tower in June 2012. Grayson County Commissioners Court approved short-term funding for FY 2011/2012 in May and approved funding for FY 2012/2013 during the budget process. This move was brought on by L-3 Communications closing their Air Traffic Control Academy located at NTRA. This closing was a business decision based on the downturn in the economy and a failure to secure funding for financial aid for its

students.

With the addition of a busy flight school, U.S. Aviation Academy, in June 2012, air traffic at the Airport has continued to increase. The flight school brought approximately seventeen aircraft and thirty international students to NTRA. It was anticipated that they would have approximately sixty students by the end of 2012. The flight school offers ground school training and flight training through the Academy.

An application requesting entry into the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Contract Tower Program was submitted to the FAA in December.



EVENTS AT THE AIRPORT

The Wings of Freedom Tour visited NTRA in April 2012. Lake Texoma Jet Center was instrumental in getting NTRA on the calendar for this exceptional event by the Collings Foundation. World War II classic aircraft on this tour included a B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator and

a P-51 Mustang. All were on display for the public to see, take a tour through the aircraft and for a few lucky individuals even go for a ride. Many retired Air Force personnel came to the Airport for a trip back

in time as many were stationed at NTRA during its time as Perrin Field and later as Perrin Air Force Base.

NTRA has been the host of the Lone Star Aerobatic Championships since 1997 and the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships since 1972. Both aerobatic championships bring in some of the best aerobatic pilots in the nation, volunteers and spectators who enjoy the area during both events, adding to the economic

impact of the Airport on the Grayson County area.

NTRA was selected in May 2012 to be the host airport for the 2013 World Aerobatic Championships. This event will be held in October 2013 and should bring in approximately 60 competitors from 16 countries, plus support staff and spectators.

Events such as the ones listed above add benefit to the local economy and gives our area national exposure which helps attract economic development and tourism to our area.



THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY IN GRAYSON COUNTY

Grayson County RMA continues to look to the future while evaluating projects that will bring economic development, job growth and increased quality of life for the residents of Grayson County.

As Grayson County RMA continues to move forward, it will continue to work with local stakeholders in allowing Grayson County to grow economically. Grayson County RMA looks forward to the challenges that will arise as it moves into 2013.



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 2012, the Grayson County RMA incurred administrative expenses, legal expenses, and financial advisory expenses.

Revenue from Commissioners Court:	\$14,775.00
Revenue from TxDOT:	\$41,748.98
<u>Revenue from Other Sources:</u>	<u>\$ 3.72</u>
Total Revenue:	\$56,527.70
Administrative Expenses:	\$ 3,695.44
Legal Expenses:	\$25,534.41
Financial Advisory Expenses:	\$10,356.25
<u>Project Management:</u>	<u>\$ 6,858.05</u>
Total Expenses:	\$46,444.15



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