

Village of Grantsburg

Airport Advisory Referendum Explanation

November 3, 2020

The blacktop runway at the Grantsburg Municipal Airport is 30+ years old, has large cracks and is deteriorating. The Federal and State Bureaus of Aeronautics offer assistance for major airport projects with 95% of the cost paid by the Bureaus. Reconstruction of the existing blacktop runway and taxiways with replacement of the runway lights (Reconstruction Project), is estimated to be approximately \$1,425,000. The Village's 5% cost would be approximately \$75,000. The Village will receive \$20,000 from the WI CARES ACT funding that can be applied to the 5% cost bringing the Village's share down to \$55,000. If funding is accepted from the Federal and State Bureaus of Aeronautics, the following assurances must be agreed to:

1. The assurances remain in effect for the useful life of the project, but not to exceed 20 years.
2. All Federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines and requirements will be followed as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of funds.
3. The Village of Grantsburg (Village) agrees to have sufficient funds available for 5% of the project or \$55,000 (\$75,000 less \$20,000 WI CARES ACT funding).
4. The Village owns the airport property and will continue to own and operate the airport unless approval is applied for and given by the State of Wisconsin Secretary of Transportation (Secretary).
5. The Village consulted with users of the airport, held public hearings for the public to attend, has implemented an effective airport pavement maintenance-management program and will use this program for the useful life of any pavement construct.
6. The airport will be operated in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by applicable Federal, state and local agencies for maintenance and operation. Any proposal to temporarily close the airport for non-aeronautical purposes must first be approved by the Secretary.
7. The Village will maintain a fee and rental structure, for the facilities and services at the airport, which will make the airport as self-sustaining as possible. No part of the Federal share of an airport project shall be included in the rate basis in establishing fees, rates and charges for users of that airport.
8. All revenues generated by the airport will be expended by the Village for airport capital or operating costs. The Village's annual audit will review and provide an opinion concerning use of airport revenue. These annual reports will be submitted to the Secretary.
9. The airport will always be made available , without charge, to Government aircraft.
10. The Airport Layout Plan will be kept up to date.

If this referendum passes and the Village Board votes to move forward with the Reconstruction Project, the work would be performed in 2022.

If this referendum does not pass, the Village Board will explore other options for repairing the existing blacktop runway.

Closing the airport is not being considered!

For clarification or more detailed information, please call or stop at the Village Office.