Subject: Airport Facility Directory – Airport Manager Contact Information

Background/Discussion:

The current format of the Airport Facility directory does not have a field for airport manager contact.

Many airports in the United States have unimproved (i.e. turf or gravel) runways. A prudent pilot will call the airport manager prior to flying in to inquire as to the condition of the airport. Airport manager contact information is not in the A/FD unless an “A 110 remark” is made on the airport Master Record (FAA Form 5010-1) such as, “for field conditions, contact amgr XXX-XXX-XXXX.”

Recommendations:
Establish and print a separate field in the A/FD for publishing airport manager contact information.

Comments:

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MEETING 13-01: Valerie Watson, AJV-3B, briefed the topic on behalf of the submitter. The proponent requests that the FAA publish airport manager contact information in the AFDs. Valerie commented that the NASR database contains airport manager contact information, including phone numbers and that AOPA currently publishes this information in their airport directory.

There was general consensus among the pilot representatives in support of this request. It was agreed that airport manager contact information is useful to the pilot.

Bob Carlson, AJV-322, commented that there were some concerns regarding the accuracy of the NASR contact information and that there would be additional costs associated with adding the requested information. He will inquire of his management if the endeavor can be supported.

STATUS: OPEN

ACTION: Bob Carlson, AJV-322, will report ACF consensus for this initiative and will investigate with AeroNav Products management whether it can be supported at this time. Bob will report at next ACF.

MEETING ACF 13-02:

Bob Carlson, AJV-322, reviewed the topic. Bob stated that his team is able to support publication of Airport Manager contact phone numbers in the Airport Facility Directories. He presented a sample airport entry with the information added. He commented that the phone numbers of airport managers are databased within NASR, so the solution should not be difficult to implement.

STATUS: OPEN

ACTION: Bob Carlson, AJV-322, to provide an update on the inclusion of Airport Manager Contact information in the AFD at next ACF.

MEETING ACF 14-01:

Bob Carlson, AJV-322, reported that Airport Manager contact information has now been published in the AFD. Work is currently underway to also publish this information in the Alaska Supplement.

STATUS: CLOSED