



CITY OF AVON PARK

Highlands County, Florida

July 5, 2023

Federal Aviation Administration
AIPP Application

Certification of Survey of Avon Park Executive Airport Tenants – Non-Primary Airport

This certifies that the City of Avon Park as the owner of the Avon Park Executive Airport provided the attached survey to 100% of the tenants of the Airport. In addition, the City provided follow up to all tenants that had not responded on multiple occasions both through mail and phone calls.

The City continues to encourage responses and advertises all City Council meetings that discuss the Avon Park Executive Airport. This has included special meetings on February 23, 2023 and May 4, 2023, to discuss policy issues on the AIPP application and draft long-term lease agreement.

Certified by:

Mark Schrader
City Manager

Memorandum

To: Executive Airport Tenants

From: Mark Schrader, City Manager

Re: Survey of Executive Airport Tenants

The City of Avon Park is considering the submittal of an application to the Federal Aviation Administration under the Airport Investment Partnership Program (AIPP) to provide a long-term 30-year, (with two optional renewal periods for a total of 49 years) lease of the City of Avon Park Executive Airport to Florida Airport Management, LLC (FAM) via a subsidiary, Florida Airport Management KAVO, LLC. FAM has provided professional management of the Executive Airport since April 2022, through an Operations Agreement with the City. Under the proposed lease agreement, the Executive Airport will remain a public use airport available to tenants and users.

The goals of the City of Avon Park under the AIPP application include the following:

- Provide professional management of the Executive Airport to ensure the Airport meets FAA and FDOT operational, safety, security, and state of good repair standards.
- Grow the Airport operations to help the Executive Airport become self-sufficient from Airport revenues. (Since the Executive Airport was developed the City has subsidized the operations of the Airport with other City funds.)
- Enhance the economic development of the City of Avon Park by providing the opportunity for growth of aeronautical and non-aeronautical facilities at the Airport to enhance services, increase Airport revenues, provide jobs and increase the overall economic activity for the City and County.

The City Council and FAA value the input of the Airport tenants. Please complete the attached survey and submit it to the City Manager in the return envelope attached for your use.

Please respond by _____. Thank you for your input.

Attachment – City of Avon Park Executive Airport Tenant Survey

City of Avon Park Executive Airport
AIPP Application Survey

Executive Airport Tenant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

We value our current tenants and users of the Executive Airport. Your input is important to the City Council and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA.) Please complete the below survey and feel free to add additional comments in the space below and/or attach comments to this survey.

1. Do you support a long-term lease of the City of Avon Park Executive Airport to a private entity that would provide professional management of the operations of the Airport that meet FAA and FDOT regulations?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Do you understand that periodically the Executive Airport rents and other fees may be adjusted based on market analysis under FAA regulations and that the proposed lease agreement allows rents and other fees to increase up to the annual Consumer Price Index – General (commonly termed annual inflation rate)? Please note that any changes in rents and other fees for the use of the Executive Airport beyond the annual inflation rate must be proposed by FAM and subject to approval by the City Council.

Yes _____ No _____

3. Do you support growth in the Executive Airport through the long-term lease that may provide more facilities and new services to tenants and users of the Airport?

Yes _____ No _____

Please provide any additional comments below that may be of note to the City Council and FAA:

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1. Do you support a long-term lease of the City of Avon Park Executive Airport to a private entity that would provide professional management of the operations of the Airport that meet FAA and FDOT regulations?

Yes: 8 No: 20

2. Do you understand that periodically the Executive Airport rents and other fees may be adjusted based on market analysis under FAA regulations and that the proposed lease agreement allows rents and other fees to increase up to the annual Consumer Price Index – General (commonly termed annual inflation rate)? Please note that any changes in rents and other fees for the use of the Executive Airport beyond the annual inflation rate must be proposed by FAM and subject to approval by the City Council.

Yes: 19 No: 6

3. Do you support growth in the Executive Airport through the long-term lease that may provide more facilities and new services to tenants and users of the Airport?

Yes: 12 No: 15