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Mr. Nathan Fowler, Chairman  
Pryor Field Airport Authority  
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**Subject: Annual Inspection Report  
Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)**

Dear Mr. Fowler:

An inspection of the Pryor Field Regional Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on June 24, 2022. The purpose of the inspection was to update the information currently on file regarding the airport and to ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation governing licensed public-use airports within the State of Alabama.

Attached you will find a copy of the Annual Inspection Report for the airport. As noted in the report, the airport meets the requirements for the issuance of an operating license. However, there are several maintenance items that should be addressed as soon as possible. A signed license certificate will be mailed separately within several weeks.

If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 242-6820.

Sincerely,

Frank Farmer  
Chief, Aeronautics Bureau

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## Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau—Annual Airport Inspection Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Alabama 23-1-357, an inspection of the **Pryor Field Regional Airport** was conducted by **Mr. Jeb Baird** with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on **June 24, 2022**.

The inspection was conducted on the airport under the provisions of the Administrative Code Chapter 450-9-1 for the following areas:

Aeronautics Administrative Code	Inspection Results	Corrective Action	Notes
<b>Approach &amp; Departure Paths</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	
<b>Primary Surface</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	
<b>Runway Safety Area</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (3)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	
<b>Airport Markings</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (4)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	
<b>Wind Direction Indicator</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Segmented circle should be mowed and repainted.	See Page 6
<b>Airport Lighting</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Conduct self-inspection of the airport lighting system.	See Page 7
<b>Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7)	<i>Maintenance</i>	Proceed with Apron Pavement maintenance project on CIP.	See Page 11
<b>Fueling Area Requirements</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	
<b>Prohibited Activities</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	<i>Maintenance</i>	Ensure non-aeronautical items are not being stored in movement areas.	See Page 13

### *License Status—***COMPLIANCE**

The corrective actions that may be prescribed in this inspection report do not relieve the airport sponsor from compliance with any other Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may be applicable. It is the responsibility of the airport sponsor to be aware of and obey all Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may have a bearing on the corrective actions that may be specified in this report.

**Code of Alabama 23-1-357(a)**... a person or municipality may not operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other navigation facility without a license issued by this Department.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 18

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



No Obstructions violate the ALDOT 20:1 Approach and Departure Path.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 36

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



No Obstructions violate the ALDOT 20:1 Approach and Departure Path.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Primary Surface

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(2)



**Meets** State Licensing Standards.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Runway Safety Area

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(3)



**Meets** State Licensing Standards.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Airport Markings

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Runway and Taxiway markings are in **GOOD** condition.

Apron markings are in **FAIR** condition.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Wind Direction Indicator

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(5)



Wind direction indicator is in **GOOD** condition.

The segmented circle is in **POOR** condition due to fading and grass growth, and should be mowed and painted.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Airport Lighting

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(6)

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:



Inspection of the airport lighting system could not be conducted during daytime hours. Ensure self-inspection of the lighting system is taking place.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Runway surface is in **GOOD** condition.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Taxiway surface is in **FAIR** condition.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—APRON

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



The Terminal Apron is in **FAIR** condition due to minor cracking and vegetation growth.

The Fueling Area Apron is in **FAIR** condition due to cracking and some raveling along joints.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions— APRON (cont.)

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



The old North Alabama Aviation Apron is in **POOR** condition due to widespread cracking and vegetation growth.

The concrete apron in front of the middle T hangar complex is in **POOR** condition, with one area in the southeast corner experiencing pavement **FAILURE** causing a FOD hazard.

**Required Maintenance:** proceed with projects listed in airport's Capital Improvement Plan

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Fueling Area Requirements

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(8)



**Meets** State Licensing Standards.

## Pryor Field Regional Airport (DCU)

### Prohibited Activities

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



Two enclosed trailers, a box truck, pallet of batteries, and other non-aeronautical items are being stored on the south ramp.

**Maintenance Required:** Non-aeronautical items should not be stored in movement areas.