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September 10, 2024

The Honorable Alonza Ellis Jr.,
Chairman, Bullock County Commission
P.O. Box 522
Union Springs, Alabama 36089

Subject: Annual Inspection Report
Franklin Field Airport

Dear Commissioner Ellis:

An inspection of the Franklin Field Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on September 9, 2024. 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 all requirements for the issuance of an operating license.

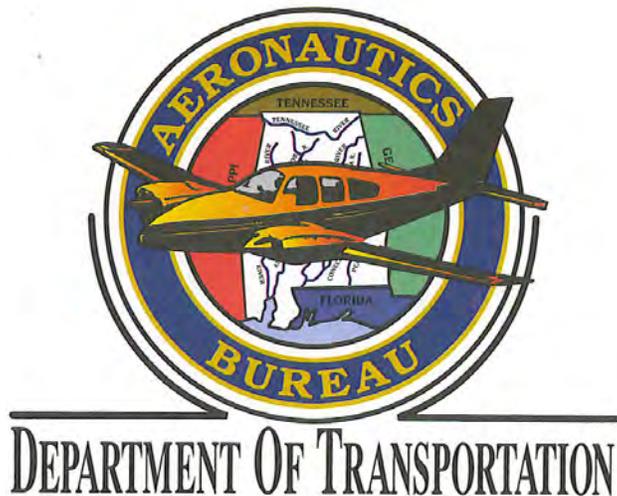
If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Caleb Nall with the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 242-6839.

Sincerely,

Frank Farmer
Chief, Aeronautics Bureau

Copy: Mr. Will Schuler, FAA/ADO
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September 9, 2024



ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT



**FRANKLIN FIELD AIRPORT
UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA**

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 **Franklin Field Airport** was conducted by **Mr. Caleb Nall** with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on **September 9, 2024**.

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 |
|--|--|---|--|
| Approach & Departure Paths Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1) | <i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i> | Remove the obstructions within the FAA Part 77 Surface. | Trees were observed in the FAA Part 77 Surface. See Appendix 3. |
| Primary Surface Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2) | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | N/A |
| Runway Safety Area Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (3) | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | N/A |
| Airport Markings Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (4) | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | N/A |
| Wind Direction Indicator Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5) | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | N/A |
| Airport Lighting Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6) | <i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i> | The non-operational lights need to be replaced. | There were multiple lights out at the time of inspection. See page 10. |
| Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7) | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | N/A |
| Fueling Area Requirements Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8) | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | N/A |
| Prohibited Activities Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16 | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | No evidence of prohibited activities were found. |
| Additional Items | <i>In Compliance</i> | N/A | N/A |

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.

Franklin Field Airport

Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 14

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



No Obstructions were located in the ALDOT Approach/
Departure Path of Runway 14.

Franklin Field Airport

Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 32

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



There were no obstructions in the ALDOT Approach and Departure path. However, there are trees located in the FAA Part 77 Approach Surface. See Appendix Two for more information.

Note: Obstructions identified are representative and may not include all existing obstructions. These trees can also be checked by a licensed surveyor to determine if they are obstructions.

Franklin Field Airport

Primary Surface

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



Primary Surface **MEETS** state licensing standards.

Franklin Field Airport

Runway Safety Area

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



Runway Safety Area **MEETS** state licensing standards.

Franklin Field Airport

Airport Markings—Runway

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



Runway markings are in **GOOD** condition.

Franklin Field Airport

Airport Markings—Taxiway

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



Taxiway markings are generally in **GOOD** condition, however, taxilane markings near the T-Hangars are in **FAIR** condition.

Franklin Field Airport

Airport Markings—Apron

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



Apron markings are in **GOOD** condition.

Franklin Field Airport

Wind Direction Indicator

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



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

Franklin Field Airport

Airport Lighting

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

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Runway Lights | Multiple inoperable |
| Taxiway Lights | 0 inoperable |
| Threshold Lights | 0 inoperable |
| PAPI | 0 inoperable |
| REIL | 0 inoperable |

MEETS State Licensing Standards for night-time operation.

Franklin Field Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

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



Runway surface is in **GOOD** condition.

Franklin Field Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

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



Taxiway surface is in **GOOD** condition.

Franklin Field Airport

Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—APRON

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



Apron surface is in **GOOD** condition.

Franklin Field Airport

Fueling Area Requirements

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



Fueling area **MEETS** state licensing standards. However, the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture may have additional requirements for fueling systems that were not considered during this inspection.

Franklin Field Airport

Prohibited Activities

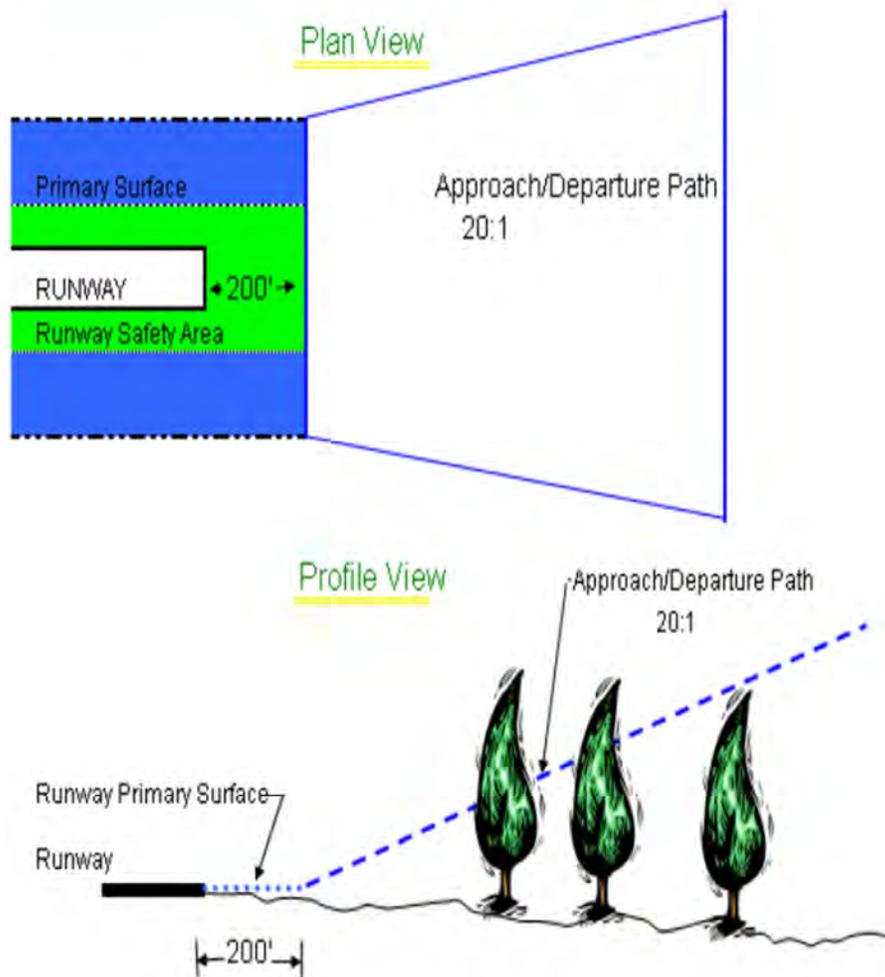
Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



No prohibited activities were observed during this inspection. All gates were locked and airfield access was secure.

APPENDIX 1

| Approach and Departure Path Dimensions | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| Inner Width | Outer Width | Length | Acreage |
| 250 Feet | 450 Feet | 1,000 Feet | 8.04 Acres |
| Primary Surface Dimensions | | | |
| 250 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline | | | |
| Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End | | | |
| Runway Safety Area Dimensions | | | |
| 120 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline | | | |
| Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End | | | |

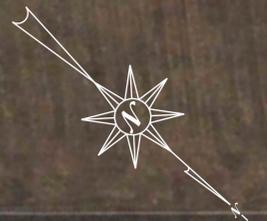


Appendix 2

Franklin Field
Union Springs, AL
Runway 14
Obstruction Evaluation
September 9, 2024

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ALDOT 20:1 APP/DEP PATH AND FAA 20:1 SURFACE COINCIDE



Appendix 3

Franklin Field
Union Springs, AL
Runway 32
Obstruction Evaluation
September 9, 2024

2. Tree 105' Abv RWY End
1,487' From RWY End
193' Right of CL
12:1 Obstruction Clearance

3. Tree 80' Abv RWY End
1,263' From RWY End
158' Left of CL
13:1 Obstruction Clearance

ALDOT 20:1 APP/DEP PATH

FAA PART 77 20:1 SURFACE

○ FAA PART 77 VIOLATION
● Controlling Obstruction

