

# SCRAA

## SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL AIRPORT AGENCY

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The South Central Regional Airport Agency (SCRAA) is an entity that is responsible for ushering the evaluation, construction and operations of a regional airport forward on behalf of the City of Oskaloosa, the City of Pella and Mahaska County.

In 2012, the parties worked cooperatively with the Federal Aviation Administration to draft a [28E agreement](#) that legally solidifies the parties' intent to move forward with the evaluation and construction of a regional airport facility. The 28E agreement outlines each parties rights and responsibilities for the joint acquisition, construction, equipping, use, expansion and operation of an airport facility.

The 28E agreement also established the South Central Regional Airport Agency. The SCRAA is a separate legal entity that is directed by its Board of Directors. The Board is comprised of two representatives from the City of Oskaloosa, three representatives from the City of Pella and one representative from Mahaska County.

#### Meetings

- At least quarterly
- Annual meeting held during February of each year
- Alternate locations between Oskaloosa and Pella
- Agendas and Minutes are available in the [Documents](#) section.

### SCRAA BULLETIN

[Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Improvements at South Central Regional Airport Mahaska County, Iowa: \(Click to view published notice\)](#)

The public hearing will be held November 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Oskaloosa High School - George Daily Auditorium, 1816 N 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa. **The doors will open at 4 p.m.** for an open house prior to the hearing where the environmental assessment and other documents and maps will be available for review.

The Environmental Assessment is available for download and viewing on the [Documents page](#).

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Jerald Searle &lt;jeraldsearle@gmail.com&gt;

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**SCRAA letter**

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**Jim Hansen** <jim.hansen@musco.com>  
To: jeraldsearle@gmail.com  
Cc: mnardini@cityofpella.com, michael.schrock@oskaloosaiowa.org

Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 3:07 PM

Another email

Jim

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From: <noreply@scraaiowa.com>  
To: Jim Hansen <jim.hansen@musco.com>  
Cc:  
Date: Mon, 28 Nov 2016 15:02:15 -0600  
Subject: SCRAA Contact Form  
Name: Brecken Stearns  
Email: aliciabreckcn@gmail.com  
Phone: 641-504-2601  
Address:  
1545 hwy 163  
Leighton, IA

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Notify me of upcoming updates.

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**Comment: Linda Kruseman-South Central Regional Airport**

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scott.tener@faa.gov <scott.tener@faa.gov>

Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 11:22 AM

To: jhansen@scraaiowa.com

Cc: jeraldsearle@gmail.com

Jim,

Please incorporate as appropriate into the EA.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Scott Tener, P.E.  
Environmental Specialist

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**From:** Linda Kruseman [mailto:tlkruse06@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 27, 2016 6:33 PM  
**To:** Tener, Scott (FAA)  
**Subject:** airport

Mr. Tener,

I am writing to ask you to please decline the request for a new regional airport for the South Central Regional Airport Agency. There are 3 century farms located in the proposed site area as well as many other long standing farm operations. This is some of the most valuable farm ground in the state of Iowa. Please do not "force" these land owners to sell their families heritage. I truly believe that the SCRAA has not explored all of their options for this project. If they had they would not be willing to destroy something so valuable. Please help these land owners to retain their rights to own and operate a valuable and profitable farming operation. Please ask the SCRAA to re-evaluate the need for this airport. Currently 100 % of the air

infrastructure needs are being met for the Oskaloosa community and 97% of the air infrastructure needs are being met for the Pella Community. Both communities have access to a regional airport that is less than 45 miles from them. Please, please save these family farms. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Kruseman

Leighton, IA



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**SCRAA Emails**

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**Jim Hansen** <jim.hansen@musco.com>  
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Cc: mnardini@cityofpella.com, michael.schrock@oskaloosaiowa.org

Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 8:18 AM

Attached are 3 emails received re: airport.

Thanks, Jim

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From: <noreply@scraaiowa.com>  
To: Jim Hansen <jim.hansen@musco.com>  
Cc:  
Date: Sun, 27 Nov 2016 09:03:50 -0600  
Subject: SCRAA Contact Form  
Name: Keith Groenendyk  
Email: keithnev@gmail.com  
Phone: 641-204-1961  
Address:  
1545 hwy 163  
Leighton , IA

**Comment or Question:**

We want the facts!!!! We want the truth!!!! We want you to answer our questions!!' I'm a irate citizen who is fed up with this crap. The shadiness of everything that has gone down even after the people told you we don't want it. And of all the things you don't listen. How can you go to sleep at night. It's time for you to shut your mouth and start listening and start providing the facts and truth. I call your bull about how the taxpayers will not have to pay for it. Now that's a load of crap. And closing an airport that makes money is just plain stupid. Move a hole at bos landed. Problem solved!!!! Do the right thing. Your taking away jobs from farmers and America needs farmers. How can you take jobs away from hard working people and their houses too. And closing the road is just asking for problems. When farmers take their equipment on 163 that's asking for accidents and fatalities. Distracted drivers are a dangerous combination with slow moving equipment. So stop this befo  
re it's too late.

Notify me of upcoming updates.

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From: <noreply@scraaiowa.com>  
To: Jim Hansen <jim.hansen@musco.com>  
Cc:  
Date: Sun, 27 Nov 2016 08:36:52 -0600  
Subject: SCRAA Contact Form  
Name: Alicia Groenendyk

Email: aliciabrecken@gmail.com

Phone: 641-204-2601

Address:

1545 hwy 163

Leighton , IA

Comment or Question:

This is getting out of hand. This airport will not bennifet very many people and cost us lots of money. You can't say that it will not cost the taxpayers money. As the government is in debt how can they possibly give money. The smart thing to do would be to relocate one hole on the golf course in Pella. Oskaloosa'S airport makes money so why close one that makes money. Makes no sense to me. Also closing the road will cause many farm equipment on busy 163 and then accidents are going to go up. I have had many close calls myself because of distracted drivers. Not to mention you are taking prime farm land and jobs from many people. Century farms. People will lose their livelihood. Please stop this madness now. It is not wanted and needed so please do the right thing and stop this before the consequences leave you with regrets.

Notify me of upcoming updates.

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To: Jim Hansen <jim.hansen@musco.com>

Cc:

Date: Sat, 26 Nov 2016 20:27:32 -0600

Subject: SCRAA Contact Form

Name: Ray Hildsworth

Email: oldfolks@mahaska.org

Phone: 6416737808

Address:

1115 th ave east

oskaloosa , IA

Comment or Question:

i feel we don'

need another there on in pella on in grenill one in newton oskaloosa please tink about what its going to cost and how its not going to help out any towns mor taxes if you want my vote next itime aroubd bette vot these air pory out now

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**SCRAA comment and invoice**

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**Jim Hansen** <jim.hansen@musco.com>

Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 5:00 PM

To: jeraldsearle@gmail.com, mnardini@cityofpella.com, michael.schrock@oskaloosaiowa.org

Attached is another comment from the public as well as Greg Milani's invoice.

The latter looks fine to me. Please process the payment.

Thanks, Jim

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From: &lt;noreply@scraaiowa.com&gt;

To: Jim Hansen &lt;jim.hansen@musco.com&gt;

Cc:

Date: Mon, 28 Nov 2016 16:56:03 -0600

Subject: SCRAA Contact Form

Name: Debra Burney

Email: f.burney@mchsi.com

Phone: 641-780-3092

Address:

214 union st.

Pella,iowa, IA

Comment or Question:

To whom it may concern:

From the address you can see that I don't live in the targeted area, but I do care about these unfortunate farmers and homeowners who may soon loose land and or have their lives ruined.

I don't get why the airport in pella can't lengthen the runway in it's present site. I have spent time in San Diego and Dallas and the existing airports still operate where they were originally built. If it's a golf hole then big deal, if it's people's land and homes then my question is why are the people who live near pella municipal airport more important than leighton area farmers and homeowners? Please reconsider this ridiculous plan that I was not able to vote on.

Thanks for your time,

Debra burney

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**John De Rooi Letter/Questions**

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**Mike Nardini** <mnardini@cityofpella.com>

Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 7:58 AM

To: "jeraldsearle (jeraldsearle@gmail.com)" &lt;jeraldsearle@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Jim Hansen &lt;jhansen@scraaiowa.com&gt;, Michael Schrock &lt;michael.schrock@oskalooaiowa.org&gt;

Jim, Jerry, and Mike -

Yesterday John De Rooi came to my office to discuss the regional airport. Attached to this e-mail are his public comments he made during the environmental public hearing. I also anticipate that Jon will be submitting an additional letter as well. John is aware written comments must be postmarked by November 29th.

Jerry, I informed John I would pass along the following questions to you:

1. John has concerns over the closure of 220th Street. According to Jon, 220th Street is one of the few roads in Mahaska County which can handle truck traffic and this closure will impact operations by farmers in the area.
2. John also had a question concerning the electrical transmission lines east of the proposed airport. Specifically, John wanted to know if these lines would be buried.
3. John has concerns with the potential of remnant parcels being developed as a result of the regional airport project.
4. Finally, John is concerned with the impact the regional airport will have on the century farms located on this site.

Jerry, please let me know how you would like to respond to John's questions above.

Jim, John requested that the SCRAA allow public comments at the end of our meetings rather than at the beginning. The reason for this request is so the audience members can hear Jerry's updates and then ask questions related to the updates. I informed John I would pass along this request for your consideration.

**Mike**

Mike Nardini  
City Administrator  
City of Pella  
825 Broadway  
Pella, Iowa 50219  
Phone (641) 628-4173  
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**John De Rooi Letter.pdf**

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My name is John De Rooi, one of the land owners, a part of the proposed regional airport of which I am opposed. This all began with a study (airport necessity) which ended up in a 28E agreement approved by a majority vote of the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors.

Previously this was voted on by a public vote of Mahaska County and failed by a 70% majority.

I am not apposed to the use of the 28E agreement if used for the right reasons.

I believe that the proposed regional airport is not a necessity but a want by a few and not a need.

The proposed area for the regional airport has one heritage farm and two century farms, 160 years, 140 years and 118 years respectively, which means alot to its owners. The heritage farm also includes the Prine Cemetary. 1. That it is still active and 2. Designated a pioneer cemetary which makes it Historic.

The end result is the possibility of taking prine farmland, never to grow crops again from its owners against their will by the use of Eminent Domain, mainly for private use rather than public use. Which I and others vigorously oppose.

My end remark is that in all of the above I believe in truth, honesty and trustworthiness.

Thank you.



Jerald Searle <jeraldsearle@gmail.com>

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## EA Comment Letter-Douglas: Proposed Oskaloosa/Pella airport

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Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 9:51 AM

EA Comment letter-Douglas

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Environmental Specialist

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**From:** Connie Douglas [mailto:cjdcjdjd@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 4:55 PM  
**To:** Tener, Scott (FAA)  
**Subject:** Proposed Oskaloosa/Pella airport

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the proposed Oskaloosa/Pella airport and I would like this email to be considered in your review of the site information that was recently completed.

I have been friends with the Rempe's whose Stephenson Farm land is being considered to be used for this airport, for over four decades; I am greatly saddened that the government is considering taking this land from them which their family has been farming for over 100 years.

As someone who is retired from working in the criminal justice field I was appalled that it appears that elder abuse is occurring. The selected site land appears to be predominately owned by people in their 80's and 90's who are heartbroken as they don't want the government taking their family farms. This type of victimization cannot be condoned.

In closing I would also note that a vote was held in my home town, Oskaloosa, and the vote was overwhelming opposed to a new airport. This appears to be politics at its worst.

Sincerely,

Connie J. Douglas  
221 Second Street  
Glasgow, MO 65251  
660-338-5995



Jerald Searle <jeraldsearle@gmail.com>

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## EA Comment letter-Donaldson: South Central Airport-Oskaloosa Iowa Opposition

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Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 9:52 AM

EA Comment letter-Donaldson

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**From:** Linda Donaldson, M.B.A. [mailto:ldonaldson@audiologymg.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:23 AM  
**To:** Tener, Scott (FAA)  
**Cc:** Linda Donaldson  
**Subject:** South Central Airport-Oskaloosa Iowa Opposition

November 29, 2016

Scott Tener  
Environmental Specialist  
Federal Aviation Administration, Room 364  
901 Locust Street  
Kansas City, MO 64106

**Re: South Central Regional  
Airport, Iowa**

**Dear Mr. Tener:**

This letter is to serve as opposition to the proposed South Central Regional Airport in Oskaloosa, Iowa. This proposed airport is within a 35 to 40-minute drive to other area airports that would serve this transportation population which in itself is very few planes or travelers. In most metropolitan communities, this drive is minimal to get to transportation.

The farm has been in one family since 1881 and has served seven generations of my family. Land in the area both Century and Heritage farms is a mainstay to Iowa. In addition, it is prime farm land that will never be replaced for the farm land, the nature that it preserves or the security it poses to those of us that no longer live in Iowa, but know that this is "home" should circumstances ever arise that we need to return. This is still home to all of us today.

The general public have voted down the airport many understanding the little value and great expense to the constituents of Oskaloosa.

While the Oskaloosa city leaders discuss the benefits of the new airport, no discussion regarding what will become of the other two airports to be put out of use and the land destroyed for that purpose. Three sites of land are now sited to destroy farmland for the enjoyment of a few.

Musco Lighting and Pella Corporation, two corporations that support the new airport have no vested interest in the land that will be destroyed, which is Iowa's future and the future of generations of family members to come.

I am encouraging the leaders of the community to produce a viable, public plan for economic benefits of this airport to others than Pella Corporation and Musco Lighting. What becomes of the airport should these two companies face a downturn?

It is my recommendation that the city of Pella proceed with an airport in Otley that would serve a greater population.



Sincerely,

Linda Donaldson

(sent electronically)

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## EA Comment Letter-Rempe: Proposed Oskaloosa/Pella Iowa airport

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Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 1:29 PM

EA Comment Letter – Rempe

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**From:** Sandra Rempe [mailto:sandraremp@sbcbglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 12:50 PM  
**To:** Tener, Scott (FAA)  
**Subject:** Proposed Oskaloosa/Pella Iowa airport

Hello Please consider the attached letter in your decision for the building and placement of a new airport in the Oskaloosa/Pella Iowa area. A hard copy is in the mail. Thank you, Sandra Rempe



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November 29, 2016

Scott Tener  
Environmental Specialist  
Federal Aviation Administration  
901 Locust, Room 364  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: Proposed Oskaloosa/Pella Iowa airport

Dear Mr. Tener,

I am writing to you to ask that you please carefully consider the need for and/or the placement of the proposed Oskaloosa/Pella Iowa airport. The Stephenson property which will be virtually destroyed by this airport is owned by my mother and my cousins and is farmed by my brother. I want to give you some information about that property and I am enclosing pictures with the hardcopy of this letter of my Great-Grandfather Floyd Stephenson farming the land with horses and of my Great-Grandmother Rosa Stephenson and my Grandmother Helen Van Maanen in a sleigh driving to Oskaloosa. I think these pictures help convey the length of time this important property has been in our family.

In 1881 Joseph Stephenson purchased this land. Joseph's son, Floyd Stephenson is in the picture farming that land. Floyd later lost his hand in a farm accident on that farm. Floyd's wife, Rosa designed the home on that property which was finished in 1919. There is a cave on that property that we believe dates from the land purchase and remains in usable condition. The house which is occupied is just feet from the proposed airport property making it uninhabitable. The proposed idea that some trees can be planted to separate the house from the airport will not in anyway solve the noise issue. Joseph Stephenson has six generations of descendants who all care about this property. As stated in one of the reports regarding this proposed airport, this land (located on the ridge between the Des Moines and Skunk Rivers) is not only some of the best, most productive, land in Iowa but also in the world.

We are not against industry and progress, but if an airport is needed why wasn't there any

effort to advertise to ask for land to be voluntarily sold for this project? It has been stated that the airport is needed because larger corporate planes cannot land at the existing Pella and Oskaloosa airports. The larger airplanes COULD land in Newton (25 miles from Pella) or Ottumwa (29 miles from Oskaloosa). No mention has ever been made of commercial passenger airplanes using the airport. The citizens of Oskaloosa voted NOT to have a new airport. How could their city government deny them thier voice?

Before my retirement I had a position in government with the State of Missouri for 13 years where it was my job to get federal funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention out to the appropriate sub-grantees throughout the state. Although we always wanted more funding we sometimes had the difficult task of placing the money appropriately. I understand that funding from the federal government is available but I don't believe this location is the right place to spend it. Please do not consider only one or two businesses versus the rest of the public. The local board appointed to oversee this process does not represent a cross section of the citizens in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Sandra J. Rempe

707 4th Street

Glasgow, MO 65254

phone 660-338-5990



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## EA Comment letter-Watson: South Central Regional Airport, Iowa

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**From:** Fran Watson [mailto:few135@aol.com]  
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**To:** Tener, Scott (FAA)  
**Subject:** South Central Regional Airport, Iowa

Attached is my letter to you opposing any funding to the South Central Regional Airport in Iowa. My logical reasoning is stated in the attached letter for your decision making purposes. I appreciate your seriously considering my thoughts. Sincerely, Frances E. Watson, Co-Owner of a 135 year Century Farm.

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November 29, 2016

Scott Tener  
Environmental Specialist  
Federal Aviation Administration, Room 364  
901 Locust Street  
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Dear Mr. Tener:

Re: South Central Regional Airport, Iowa

**I am writing to you to oppose the taking of our valuable farm land to provide a strip of land for a local airport when much more accessible airports with all the amenities and proper services are readily available within a 35 to 45 mile drive.**

It is difficult to fight to keep our property which is productive and has been for over 100 years, from being taken over by the desires of two non-agricultural corporations.

Historically, in this part of Iowa and the State of Iowa as a whole, the main stay is agriculture and agribusinesses, not developing and attracting mid-sized commercial growth.

Two corporations promoting this concept of commercial growth with a new airport on our land are Musco Lighting and Pella Corporation. Both non-agricultural corporations, could and do, house their commercial air planes at either the Ottumwa Airport or the Des Moines Airport. Ottumwa Airport is large enough for Air Force One and is open 24 hours a day. By keeping their commercial planes within a logical 35-45 miles travel distance is logical and would be most acceptable in dense, non-agricultural cities.

**I propose that you and your decision makers decline any tax money, Federal money of any sort, be used to displace the present family farms by regional airport development that intends to contribute little, if any, tax money for the total developmental costs.**

By declining the proposed regional airport, your decision would:

- (1) Allow the Oskaloosa and Pella airports to continue serving the needs of the smaller aircraft and allow the corporations to continue housing their corporate jets within a reasonable distance where services are readily available.
- (2) Allow the vote against a regional airport by the citizens of Oskaloosa to stand.

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(3) Allow the prime farmland to continue to be used for agriculture business and farming which helps feed our nation.

(4) Allow family farms to prosper providing income, peaceful lifestyle from a long established heritage of over 100 years with our farm being farmed by our family for 135 years.

(5) Allows for family farms to raise milkweed to provide for cultivation of the Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*) and bees that sustain our food supply.

**I personally ask you to consider seriously and to oppose the corporate takeover of heritage family farms and our highly productive land.**

Most sincerely,

Frances E. Watson, Century Farm Co-Owner  
5274 Millcreek Road  
Kettering, OH 45440

(sent electronically – Scott.Tener@faa.gov)





Jerald Searle &lt;jeraldsearle@gmail.com&gt;

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**SCRAA letter**

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**Jim Hansen** <jim.hansen@musco.com>

Mon, Nov 28, 2016 at 3:07 PM

To: jeraldsearle@gmail.com

Cc: mnardini@cityofpella.com, michael.schrock@oskaloosaiowa.org

Another email

Jim

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From: &lt;noreply@scraaiowa.com&gt;

To: Jim Hansen &lt;jim.hansen@musco.com&gt;

Cc:

Date: Mon, 28 Nov 2016 15:02:15 -0600

Subject: SCRAA Contact Form

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Address:

1545 hwy 163

Leighton, IA

**Comment or Question:**

To this board I am very upset about your lack of care. You don't seem to care about what the people have to say, but more importantly you have ignored us when we just ask of any information what so ever. Never has a single question been answered. I'm only in high school but I know enough to know that this deal is so shady and disrespectful to all these hard working farmers and citizens of Mahaska county. I cringe when I see farm equipment driving by on 163, it's not safe at all and you propose to close a road in which many farmers use to keep from having to drive on 163. I have heard that the ground around site c is prime farm ground. Now tell me that your not taking away jobs because that is exactly what you are doing. Like the Hawkeyes say America Needs Farmers so if we need them then why are you getting rid of the farmers job? Doesn't make sense to me but what do I know? Your lack of respect for them is ridicoulos. Parden me for saying this but what you are doing

is a load of bull crap. The people have spoken overwhelmingly that they do not want this yet do you listen? NO!!!! You seem to look bored when we voice our dissent. You act like we don't matter. And I am told that this airport will be free because you will get money from the FAA. As a nation we are in debt so how can we afford to pay for this because it will fall back on the taxpayers. Please don't do this senseless act on hardworking honest citezens. Plus will any of them ever use it? Not likely. Only musco and pella corp and that isn't a lot of people. Oskaloosa's makes money and pella could move a hole in the golf course to expand their runway. That seems like the more economic thing to do. But what do I know? None of you live anywhere near where this will happen so you have no idea how much these people are suffering at the thought that their

century farm and house will just one day be gone. Many planned on passing it on to the next generation but now they will

not be able too if this shady deal goes through. But do you care. I bet you would be fighting as hard as they are if it were your house. THink about that at night when you go to bed. Picture it being your livelihood being ripped away from you. Now how would that make you feel? It doesn't make me feel good and I don't live in site c, I live by site b. I feel their pain and a hurt with them when they are denied answers to questions, or even the basic truth. What is the truth, you guys don't even know anymore. In fact I doubt you ever knew what the truth was. I'm so angry about this shady deal. Please listen and please stop this before it's too late and the consequences irrevocable.

Notify me of upcoming updates.

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Scott Tener

November 18, 2016

Federal Aviation Administration

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901 Locust Street

Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Sirs,

I am submitting written comment regarding the proposed South Central Regional Airport. I have a prior commitment and cannot attend the public hearing.

I am concerned about location of proposed airport.

1. The disconnect of 220<sup>th</sup> Street is very dangerous decision. According to Iowa DOT map of 2010 shows 160 vehicles use this section of road between Independence and Hwy 163. This survey was taken during the summer months, which does not include slow moving agricultural equipment, during spring planting and fall harvesting. These agricultural vehicles will be forced to take Hwy 163 with a speed limit of 65 MPH, this will be the cause of more accidents and deaths of motorist. I personally know 4 deaths on that section Hwy 163, three of them were slow moving agricultural equipment, in last 4 or 5 years. On April 18, 2013 at Joan Kuyper Farver Auditorium, Pella, Iowa, Mr. Michael Schrock Jr, Oskaloosa City Manager reported one of the main reason to construct a new airport at a new location is for pilot safety, I am all for safety for pilots, but I feel that Hwy 163 motorists and agricultural vehicles are entitled to safety also. I gave comments to SCRAA board meetings on 9-29-2015, on 12-21-2015 and 3-29-2016. I have not seen any comments in the minutes of these remarks. I wonder if they heard them or don't care for the general public comments? I understand that SCRAA mandate is to build an airport. I think SCRAA should be concerned about their own safety and general public safety on Hwy 163. I think SCRAA should select a different site
2. I am against the taking of prime farm land as this site is some of the best CSR land in the county and least erodible. As a farmer, government agencies require me to stop erosion by spending many dollars for terraces and cover crops because of highly erodible land.
3. As a nearby land owner, I am concerned about the release of water from 30 acres of concrete on to highly erodible land and what measures are in place for control of water.

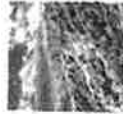
Thank you.

Bert Bandstra

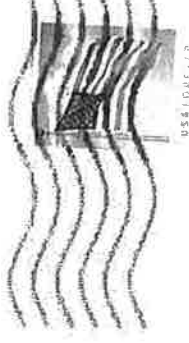


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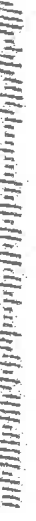
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CITY OF BRIDGES...RIVER OF OPPORTUNITY

November 22, 2016

Mr. Scott Tener  
Federal Aviation Administration  
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RE: Proposed Improvements - South Central Regional Airport  
Comment Letter Public Hearing  
Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Tener:

The City of Ottumwa would like to respond to the improvements proposed by the South Central Regional Airport to acquire land and construct a new joint airport facility between Oskaloosa and Pella. The City understands that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the George Daily Auditorium in Oskaloosa to discuss the proposed plans. The City would make the following response.

The Ottumwa Regional Airport and the Airport Industrial Park consists of a 1440 acre complex, that is self-sustaining as it operates on revenue from services fees, property rental and row crop farm ground. This airport receives no revenue from the City's general fund. The Airport service area includes the seven surrounding counties of Mahaska, Keokuk, Monroe, Appanoose, Davis, Van Buren and Jefferson. Indian Hills Community College operates a flight school and mechanics program from our airport. The Airport has great support from our local Committee, and General Aviation flying public including many corporate jets.

The Airfield infrastructure consists of a fairly new state of the art terminal building, offices, and two runways. Primary Runway 13/31 is 5,885 by 150 feet. A project to reconstruct the runway is currently in the design phase with this construction anticipated in the 2018 fiscal year. Crosswind Runway 4/22 is 4,600 by 100 feet. Both runways have full parallel taxiways and a Category I Instrument Landing System. Hangars consist of the original 1942 military hangar being 43,000 square feet, which is large enough to house a 737 aircraft. The City also has a six-unit T-hangar, a new 3-unit Box Hangar and 4 private corporate hangars. The City boasts a full service Fixed Base Operator. Operation, maintenance and management are provided by City staff.

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South Central Regional Airport Letter

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There are at least 32 aircraft based at our regional airport, six of which are corporate jets. These include a Citation 560 owned by Tennyson Enterprises, a Citation XLS owned by WINBCO Tank, a Citation 525 owned by Park Electro Chemical Company, a Citation II and Gulfstream 200 owned by Musco Lighting, and a Citation 550 owned by Winger Contracting.

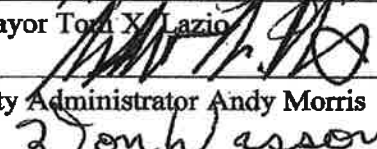
Our Airport Industrial Park businesses include Indian Hills Community College, Job Corps, Al-jon Manufacturing, Norris Asphalt Paving, WINBCO Tank, Frog Leggs, FedEx Ground, A & A Wood Products, Ottumwa Machine Works, Specialty Fabrication, Wooden Creations, Bridge City Truck Repair, CSI Truck and Trailer, Conway Enterprise Service, and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, the largest bottling facility in the Midwest. We currently have approximately 350 acres available for commercial and industrial development.

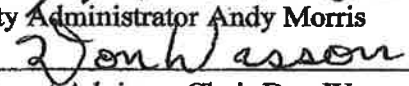
The City has made significant improvements over the previous ten years in our region and is in the process of seeking funding for a major runway rehabilitation project. We have negotiated a long term agreement with a new Fixed Base Operator that is leading to a significant increase in traffic, flight lessons and capital accumulation not only in Ottumwa but southeast Iowa as well. The City's Airport Advisory Board requested that the City file a written response regarding the South Central Regional Airport proposal and its Chairperson is also signing this letter.

The City of Ottumwa offers this letter to the Cities of Oskaloosa and Pella to encourage continuing regional cooperation. Our doors are open if either or both communities would be interested in a collaborative effort to combine services, reduce duplication of services and expenses and utilize our state of the art airport facilities which are within 30 and 45 miles respectively. We stand ready and willing to extend our services and facilities in lieu of the proposed improvements.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Tom X. Lazio

  
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City Administrator Andy Morris

  
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Airport Advisory Chair Don Wasson

Cc: South Central Regional Airport Agency

Section 1.2.2 of the Environmental Assessment for the South Central Regional Airport – Iowa states Pella airport cannot be expanded because one of the reasons is roads. Yet 2.1 Proposes to disconnect one of the busiest unpaved roads in Mahaska County as documented by the D.O.T. Traffic Flow Map of Mahaska County dated January 1, 2010. The section of 220th Street proposed to be disconnected or closed had a traffic flow of 160. Agricultural equipment will be some of the traffic forced on to Highway 163. This is also stated in section 5.14.3.5 where it is indicated to be a short distance which in reality is just less than 2 miles which places slow moving equipment on Highway 163 for an extended period of time which increases the potential for accidents. There have been at least two fatal accidents involving agricultural equipment.

Section 3.2 discusses the No Action Alternative. A 28E agreement is used to exclude enhancing the existing Oskaloosa airport to accommodate class C-II aircraft. It would be much simpler and cost effective to rewrite the 28E agreement than to construct a new airport. The funding saved from not constructing a new airport could be used to upgrade the neighboring airports listed in Section 3.2.1. This becomes more sensible when Appendix D Table D-8 C-II aircraft based out of Pella or Oskaloosa. Musco has two aircraft they would move to the new airport but are currently in Ottumwa. This does not justify building an airport to accommodate two aircraft that are being served by an airport capable of only 75% as stated in section 3.2.1.

Section 3.4.3 Site A Build Alternative 3 would take land from Century farms and a Heritage farm. While the historic house and cave listed in section 5.7.3.5 it would be surrounded by Site A Build Alternative 3 and the historic Prine Cemetery would lose its peaceful charm. The mitigation techniques outlined in section 5.10.4 would only provide visual screening with little impact on noise levels from either aircraft or vehicle traffic to the hanger area. This seems to contradict Section 5.7.2 on historical sights.

Section 5.4.3.2 Will eliminate aircraft emissions but not stated in that section will be the increase in vehicle emissions from the additional 13 miles required to reach the proposed airport. In fact vehicle emission would be less if the Knoxville airport was used as it is two miles closer to Pella.

Great consideration should be given to Section 5.8 with regards to converting prime farmland to non-agricultural use. Kevin Funni strongly advocates locating any proposed airport to areas that are largely not prime farmland. The area of the proposed airport is unfortunately largely prime farmland and should be avoided in favor of other areas.

Section 5.10.3.5 indicates there will be adverse effect the property at 1795 220<sup>th</sup> Street as concluded by Wapsi Valley Archaeology Inc. While noise impacts were evaluated at Prine Cemetery no such impacts are indicated for the property at 1795 220<sup>th</sup> Street.

Section 5.11.2 discourages the building of electrical transmission line and elevated water storage facilities; the proposed site has both electrical transmission lines and elevated water storage facilities in the near proximity.

Section 5.14.3.5 indicates there will be less significant traffic increase on Independence Ave with the closing of the busy 220<sup>th</sup> Street. The 2010 D.O.T. Traffic Flow Map for Mahaska County indicates 160 as the average daily traffic on 220<sup>th</sup> Street. In the same map indicates only 70 for the average daily traffic. A significant amount of the traffic that will be displaced with the disconnect of 220<sup>th</sup> Street will use Independence Ave as the alternative which would then triple the traffic on Independence Ave.

A proposal not considered in the Environmental Assessment for the South Central Regional Airport – Iowa is closing one or both of the existing Oskaloosa and / or Pella airports. The advantages of closing the existing airports would reap many of the financial and environmental issues while not incurring great expense of building a new airport. Those cost savings could be used to enhance the nearby airports.



**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL AIRPORT AGENCY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT**

11/25/2016

To Scott Tener:

I don't know where to start.... So I will start at the Beginning.  
In 2006 the people of Marion and Mahaska Counties Voted on building a regional Airport. It was defeated 8 to 2. 80% of the Community said NO this is Not needed. So... the next 3 years the people that wanted this airport (but did not win the vote).... worked behind closed doors and worked secretly to figure a way to build it anyway! In 2011 these same people worked with Mahaska CO. Supervisors to sign a ZBE agreement with the Citys of Pella and Oskaloosa to go ahead and build this Airport that the public said they did not want. They did this agreement with NO Public Knowledge. They knew they had to keep it quiet, because if the 80% that Voted it down knew they were doing this.... it would be shut down immediately!!

this agreement gave the Citys of Pella and Oskaloosa the right to go into Mahaska CO. and build this Airport where ever they want... using eminent domain.... after the public said NO this is not needed!

So, Issue #1 Pella is (16) miles from Knoxville that has a Class "C" runway. Pella can easily work with them! Pella is (24) miles from Newton that has a beautiful New Airport. Pella is (45) miles from Des Moines that has an International Airport! Oskaloosa's Airport is (19) miles from Ottumwa and a lot of Oskaloosa's use is already using Ottumwa! Pella's Airport Now is Nice & the buildings are New and for (97%) of people that use that Airport it is perfectly Fine! (3%) of usage wants a bigger Airport.

Please return comments by November 29, 2016

South Central Regional Airport Agency  
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OR

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL AIRPORT AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT

11-29-2016

these are Federal Funds that you are using to build this "proposed" Airport. This is taxed money that comes from "we the people". You have been contacted before and you have said to talk to the SCRAA board with any questions because this is a "local" issue. This is NOT a Local Issue!! You, at the Federal Level, Decide where & when to spend the taxed dollars! With so many other Regional airports in close distance this is very wasteful spending for (3%) of the population! You keep telling us to direct our questions to the SCRAA. That Board is NOT an elected Board.... they are appointed to that Board and they all work for or are related to some one in power.... someone with big money.... someone that is in the (3%) to push this Airport down the other (97%) throat! What is going on here is EXACTLY what "we the people" are sick and tired of.... Big Politics! The people with power and money put people in a position to get things done that they want done! Not what the majority of the people want or even Need! Now.... Scott, the rubber meets the Road. This issue is in your hands. You have the Federal money to use for the people or to waste on things unnecessary. If you approve this project, "we the people" will fight this all the way! that is not a threat.... that is a promise! This whole project has been done wrong and sneaky and under the table. they had to do it that way because they knew it would be shot down!

Please return comments by November 29, 2016

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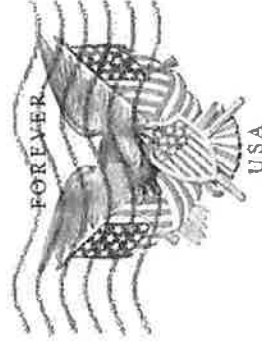
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Mr Scott Teners,

I am Florence Rempe, a land owner in the proposed South Central Regional Airport Agency.

My great grandfather bought this land in 1881, 135 years ago. This land is still in our family, it is a century farm and we still continue to farm it. Good Iowa farm land is valuable and should be used to feed people, not pave it over for any reason, especially an airport no one needs.

With good highways anyone can drive safely to a local airport.

In doing the environment study, the impression that is given is that everyone of the land owners were spoken to. No person during all these months has ever spoken to me personally. How do they have knowledge of our farm?

Florence Rempe  
409 Jackson St  
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**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL AIRPORT AGENCY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT**

Evidence to support the proposed South Central Regional Airport is still lacking. The only support provided is vague promise of "economic growth" by industries currently in operation that use existing airports in Pella, Oskaloosa, and Ottumwa. The building and proper maintenance of an airport takes significant funding that is continuous and not a one and done financial event as any current airport in operation will confess. It is understandable and sad that Pella Corporation has a large jet that should not be landing at their local airport and has had a waiver from the FAA for many years to allow them to land in a precarious location. In the information proposed earlier to the public (2014), those "take-offs" and "landings" by this larger jet make up 3% of the flights in and out of the Pella airport. BUT you are proposing that tax payers in the city of Pella and city of Oskaloosa need to use their taxes to fund a new airport to allow for this. Not to mention that citizens who are not a part of EITHER community <sup>being as likely</sup> give up their Heritage and Century farms to accommodate. This category C jet should have no bearing on the formation of a brand new airport as they can land at regional airports already within 30 minutes of Pella be it Newton or Ottumwa. Discussions should be in place to better utilize what is already in existence.

Please return comments by **November 29, 2016**

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## EA Comment Letter – Salzwedel: South Central Regional Airport

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Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 8:49 AM

EA Comment Letter – Salzwedel

Please let me know if you have any questions,

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**Subject:** South Central Regional Airport

November 29, 2016

Scott Tener  
Environmental Specialist  
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Dear Mr. Tener:

I am writing in regards to the South Central Regional Airport that is being proposed in Oskaloosa, Iowa. My concerns are financial in concerns. It is an airport that is not wanted by the Oskaloosa citizens in a city election, yet the airport is proceeding. The airport will not be for commercial flights that can be used by the citizens of Oskaloosa and Pella, nor of Mahaska and Marion counties. The few that will use the airport will be small in number, yet paid by the larger mass of the county residents in taxes. Few of the airports in Iowa are profitable, so the financial burden is subsidized by tax payers. I am wondering why we are going to take good farm land out of production to allow a few to have regional airport for their needs. With the growth of the US and world population and urban sprawl occurring, we need to preserve land for



production of food, a basic need for all. The agricultural production of food being produced from the land chosen for the airport will be lost forever. Also of concern, is that there is a regional airport with new features paid for by our government that the FAA has been involved with. This airport is only 25.4 miles from Oskaloosa, in Ottumwa. So for few, we need to destroy good farm land so the few can land closer to their business. Maybe not even their homes.

According to the Oskaloosa Herald, the city of Pella has a backup plan to proceed with an airport in Otley if this regional airport, voted down by the Oskaloosa residents, happens. Will it be as big as the South Central Regional Airport or will Otley serve their needs. Why do they have this plan? Does Pella not like what they are seeing with this regional airport?

I have not seen any information on how many will benefit by this regional airport, ie: flights per day, percentage of Mahaska/Marion county population to use this airport, actual financial benefits to the citizens. Just saying it will be an economic boast is not justification enough. Early on, Oskaloosa citizens were told that if the airport was not built, they would lose out on government money. If you don't build it, it will not cost anything. We need to also look at the loss of farm land (in this case, Century Farms) and the loss of production of food crop.

My concern for the current airports, if a new regional airport is built near Oskaloosa, is what happens to them. Never have I heard discussions on this topic. Does this land become farm land for crops or Pella or Oskaloosa housing developments?

I do oppose the South Central Regional Airport in Oskaloosa, Iowa. I am a 7<sup>th</sup> generation family member of one of a Century farms that will be gone if this regional airport occurs. I would like to keep Iowa as an agricultural state with Iowa's proud family farms history producing food needs rather than concrete fields.

Sincerely,

Janet Salzwedel  
(this letter is sent electronically)

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## EA Comment Letter-Groenendyk: SCRAA study, Mahaska county

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**To:** Tener, Scott (FAA)  
**Subject:** SCRAA study, Mahaska county

Dear Mr. Tener,

I submitted e-mails to the SCRAA board addressing a few concerns. I have been elected as supervisor for Mahaska county starting in 2017. My main concern is closing 220th st. I assume SCRAA will forward my concerns to you as you consider the environmental assessment. Please note that appendix G requires acceptable mitigation for closing a farm to market road. The Mahaska county Supervisors have not addressed either proposal in the study.

Thank you in advance, Mark Groenendyk

Mark Groenendyk  
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Oskaloosa, Ia 52577



Jerald Searle &lt;jeraldsearle@gmail.com&gt;

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**SCRAA comments**

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Thu, Dec 1, 2016 at 11:05 AM

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Jerry, attached are the last of the emails I've received. These two are from Mark Groenendyk who is the incoming Supervisor here in Mahaska County. I sent him an email in response to this and suggested we set up a meeting.

Call with any questions.

thanks, Jim

----- Forwarded message -----

From: &lt;noreply@scraaiowa.com&gt;

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**Comment or Question:****Attention SCRAA board and Mr. Tener,**

I sent an e-mail concerned about the closing of 220th st. As stated in app. G, the supervisors have not accepted any mitigation for closing a farm to market road. Closing two airports will not address the lost income(section 5.14.3.5)or correct farming disruptions. There are turning lanes on Hwy. 163 at 220th st. There are no turning lanes at Independence(and plans to close the intersection with bypass) or at Highland.

I also would like to know the need to purchase 582 acres when 279 of those acres will be available for ag use.

Also please tell me specifically what portions of the proposed airport the faa will help fund if approved.

Thank you, Mark Groenendyk

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Comment or Question:  
Attention SCRAA or Mr. Tener,

I want to bring attention of the proposed closing of 220th st. on both building sites. The hard surfaced and gravel portions are both farm to market roads. As stated in appendix G it requires mitigation. I believe it requires Board of Supervisor input to close, redirect, or build alternate roadway.

As stated in section 5.14.3.5 closing 220th st. will disrupt current ag practices and potentially affect future farm generated income. Closing two airports does not replace closing a farm to market road.

I am not going to go into detail why the proposed alternatives are not a very good idea. That is something the SCRAA board and the supervisors need to work thru.

Also, regarding section 5.5 climate change. I think one airport is going to increase traffic time when you consider all the pilots that use these airports.

Thank you, Mark Groenendyk

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