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Greensburg breaks ground on new airport

The City of Greensburg will break ground on its new airport during a ceremony on Friday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. The Kansas Department of Transportation Aviation Division's Airport Improvement grants helped make the new airport possible.

"It is wonderful to see this kind of new growth coming to the Greensburg area," said Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer. "We as a state are excited for the people and businesses of Greensburg. A new airport has the potential for bringing further economic growth to the southwest region of Kansas, which is a benefit to all. Congratulations to everyone involved in the project."

"KDOT is pleased to have been part of such a profound project in the transformation of an excellent Kansas community," said Secretary of Transportation Richard Carlson. "It is necessary that the state and our local communities continue to invest in the development of infrastructure that can aid in growth and progress."

Planning for this project first started in 2011 with a KDOT Aviation grant used for the preparation of an Airport Development Plan. The plan helped with various aspects of the airport's development. The Airport Development Plan project included coordination with federal, state, and local agencies to assure compliance with environmental and permitting requirements for the proposed improvements.

In 2012, KDOT Aviation issued a grant to the City of Greensburg for assistance in burying power lines necessary for airport site construction. In 2013, another KDOT Aviation grant was offered to the city for funding assistance related to the design of the new airport. Design of the new facility was completed by H.W. Lochner.

"The tragedies that happened to the Greensburg community are unforgettable," said Kansas Department of Transportation Aviation Division Director Merrill Atwater. "Establishing a new airport will allow for the growth and development of the local economy, increased agricultural support and will support the capability of an air ambulance. This airport is invaluable to the future of this community."

The project will consist of completing the grading required for the construction of a turf runway, runway turnarounds, aircraft parking apron/connecting taxiway and automobile parking lot.

RJA Dozer Service, LLC of Minneola is the prime contractor on the \$737,222 project. Construction for Greensburg's new airport is scheduled to start in November. Construction is expected to take approximately three months.

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