

Memorandum

The Blair Executive Airport maintains an Underground Tank System for aircraft fueling. Currently, we have a Veeder Root TLS 350 that is utilized as our Tank Monitoring System. We use this to track flowage, and also to check for leaks in the system. Our current system has been described by the manufacturer as “obsolete”, though it is functional for the most part.

The reason for the potential upgrade is to have more accurate data coming in, as well as a more seamless record keeping system. Our current system sends a fax to city hall, which is then processed into a file that is then sent to airport staff. Additionally, the faxes are very inconsistent in regard to what is made available to us in the file, sometimes even not including the vital information needed for our regulatory record keeping.

The TLS 450Plus offers “Enhanced Business Analytics & Performance” tools that can be fine-tuned to fit our needs, as well as assisting the FBO with their fuel sales and wet stock management. The upgraded system will also help us with worry-free regulatory compliance with extended line leak detection, streamlined reports eliminating manual recording issues/errors, and a Smart Data back-up to prevent data loss during system maintenance and power outages. Recent storms in August 2025 caused multiple days of data to get lost due to power outages, making manual readings and entries required.

Additionally, With our recent inspection by the State Fire Marshall, a recommendation was made to Airport staff to upgrade our spill buckets located at the Fuel Farm. Those improvements are included after the Veeder Root quote, on page 3. This specific upgrade is not required for compliancy, but was recommended by the State Fire Marshall, Yant, and also by Leak Specialists Inc.

These upgrades were included in this year’s budget as one of the items in “Capital Expansion”. \$75,000 was allocated to “Capital Expansion” and the quote received for the Veeder Root TLS-450Plus is \$30,100, and the quote to upgrade the Spill Buckets is \$7,300. Total work completed would be just under \$38,000.

Recommendation:

Approve the upgrades toward the Fuel Farm located at the Blair Executive Airport, as presented.

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