



TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT (KBCR)

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Governing Statute:

This plan is governed by Florida Statute 189.08, "Special district public facilities report".

The Tri-County Airport Authority:

The Tri-County Airport Authority owns and operates the Tri-County Airport (FAA designator: KBCR), a public access airport with a runway (01-19) of 5,398 x 75 feet, a certified helipad and tie-downs available for short-term or long-term use. Airport runway elevation is 84-86 feet. The airport consists of 304 acres aligned generally north and south with runway 01-19 bisecting the property, with accompanying taxiways, a terminal and hangars.

The Tri-County Airport Authority (which owns and manages the airport) was formed by an act of the Florida legislature in July 1969. The airport is a public entity governed by the Tri-County Airport Authority, with unpaid volunteer board members appointed by the County Commissioners of Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties, Florida.

The airport is located in the western Florida panhandle 56 miles north of Panama City. The airport is approximately six miles northeast of Bonifay (Florida), six miles northwest of Chipley and eleven miles southwest of Graceville.

The street address is 1983 Tri-County Airport Road, Bonifay, FL 32425 and the mailing address is PO Box 756, Bonifay, FL 32425. The airport telephone is (850) 703-6808.



Funding:

Tri-County is a not-for-profit public airport; its operational budget is paid for through the sale of aviation fuel (Jet A and 100 LL) and through hangar rents. Major projects such as runway extension and maintenance, hangar construction, etc. are paid primarily by grants from the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Its budgets, finance and audit reports are posted on its public website: <https://www.kbcr.gov> .

Operational Demands:

The airport provides access into the air transportation network in support of commerce and private general aviation and can handle a full range of general aviation traffic, up to and including business jets.

The airport works most closely with:

- The Florida Department of Transportation
- The Federal Aviation Administration
- Other federal, state, and local government agencies
- Aircraft owners
- Pilots

- Other interested parties

Hangars and Tie-Down (Aircraft Parking) Spaces:

The airport currently has 37 enclosed hangars which are a combination of box hangars and "T" hangars, which can accommodate aircraft up to business jet size. All enclosed hangars are currently occupied and there is a waiting list maintained by the airport management.

The airport also owns an office building next to the two north commercial hangars for which it does not currently receive rent.

The airport also has one large shade hangar (with spaces rented to aircraft owners), and which also is used for the storage of an aircraft tug and lawn equipment.

The airport provides ample aircraft parking spaces using tie-downs which are currently being lightly used.



Terminal Building

Public access into the airport through the airport security gate into the terminal building is made by contacting the airport office at (850) 703-6808.

The airport has a terminal building (always open) which provides the following facilities:

- A public lounge with an oversized couch, a small conference table and large-screen television
- A conference room with large-screen television to be used for meetings
- A break room with tables
- Two restrooms (both with a shower)
- An airport office (manned Monday through Friday during normal business hours, excluding holidays).
- Public parking available outside the airport security fence.
- Limited public parking available inside the airport security fence.



While the terminal building is currently able to meet its current operational demands placed upon it by aircraft and visitors, it is within the airport's five-year plan to provide a larger terminal facility that offers better layout of facilities and more amenities that would make the airport a more desirable and usable destination airport for visiting aircraft.

Fuel Farm

The Tri-County Airport Authority provides self-service 100 LL and Jet A aircraft fuel to transit aircraft and tenants.

The self-serve tanks are located immediately to the east of the terminal building (below the windsock and adjacent to the helipad). The self-serve fuel farm is well lit at night and includes a credit card processor.

Self-serve fuel delivery is available from small tanker trucks Monday through Friday during normal business hours, and after hours upon prior request.

The operational demands currently being placed upon our fuel facilities and equipment are currently being met.



Signage:

We have taken steps to improve the airport's signage needs by placing a new sign on Tri-County Road. Holmes and Washington Counties' road departments have posted green public airport directional signs that point the public towards our airport.

We have new signs on the airport property that direct pilots and passengers to our terminal.

We have security signs posted on the exteriors of our vehicle and pedestrian gates.



Plans for Expansion and Growth:

The Tri-County Airport Authority has developed a comprehensive five-year plan with the assistance of AVCON, a multinational engineering firm that includes specialists in Aviation planning, which has been submitted and approved.

While the Tri-County Airport is currently able to meet its current operational demands place upon it by aircraft and visitors, we have already identified these areas for growth and expansion:

- The construction of additional general aviation hangars
- The construction of additional commercial aviation hangars, typically via long-term land lease
- Storm water mitigation
- Obstacle removal
- Reconstruction of our electrical vault system
- Re-configuration of aircraft parking spaces
- The addition of a more robust potable water delivery system with storage and mains for growth, expansion and fire suppression
- The construction of a new terminal building
- Addition of new commercial box hangars
- Recruitment of more commercial customers with whom we can work mutually favorable land-lease arrangements

Review of This Plan

This plan will be maintained by the Tri-County Airport Authority and shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors as a part of its review process. Updates are posted to <https://www.kbcr.gov>.

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