

Remodel of Airport Pilot Lounge Funded by Grant from Lyon County Riverboat Foundation

With a grant award of \$13,447 from Lyon County Riverboat Foundation, the Rock Rapids Airport Commission completed a project identified as “Airport Pilot Lounge Remodel” in 2021, consisting of interior upgrades to the Pilot Lounge at Rock Rapids Municipal Airport.

The Pilot Lounge is a 400 square foot building that was constructed in 1999 with grant funding from Iowa Department of Transportation. It provides for 24/7 access to restrooms along with flight planning and communications. This remodel project included lighting, flooring, painting, restroom upgrade with shower, flight planning station, furniture, TV and décor.

Rock Rapids Municipal Airport is the only airport in Lyon County that retains FAA approved instrument approaches that allow for use of the Airport in all weather conditions. Facilities include a 3,100 ft by 50 ft asphalt runway with high intensity taxiway lighting, 16 City-owned rental hangers, 24-hour self-fueling, and full-time aircraft maintenance.

Airport usage includes business aviation, general aviation, and crop dusting involving multiple operators. Both Sanford Health and Avera Health utilize the Airport for training flights and transporting patients to and from other facilities.

This remodel project is the first major improvement to the 22-year-old Pilot Lounge. On behalf of the Rock Rapids Airport Commission, the Rock Rapids community, and users of the Airport, thank you to Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for making this project possible.