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Ron Henriksen Explores Airport Development Options

Houston-area pilot and business executive Ron Henriksen announced that he is investigating an alternative development at a private airport in southern Waller County, although he remains optimistic about receiving approval from the Federal Aviation Administration for his proposed Houston JetPort, north of Fulshear.

The alternative site has been a private airport for over twenty years and sits on farm land near the Igloo factory, Interstate 10 and a rail line. "This new site gives us a variety of options," said Henriksen. "We are hopeful that Waller County residents, as well as Royal ISD, will welcome our development of the existing airport in light of the new jobs, economic development and tax revenue the project would bring. However, if we encounter significant opposition, we always have the option of continuing with the Houston JetPort development north of Fulshear."

Henriksen noted that, to date, the only opposition to the idea of developing the Waller County airport, instead of proceeding with the Houston JetPort, has come from politicians in Katy. "That is interesting because the existing airport is miles away from Katy, in the City of Houston's extra territorial jurisdiction," Henriksen noted. "The mayor of Katy pushed through a City Council resolution last night opposing development of the Waller County airport with out ever talking to me and, apparently, without talking to all of the elected representatives in Waller County or Royal ISD. I am surprised that the Katy politicians would be so quick to oppose economic development and increased tax revenue for a neighboring community and Royal ISD without even bothering to learn anything about the project. Katy's city council took this action in the face of a request by a County Commissioner from Waller County to postpone any action until the airport proposal could be evaluated and discussed."

Henriksen hopes to be able to make a decision on whether he will develop the Waller County airport, or proceed with the Houston JetPort near Fulshear within the next sixty days. For more information about contact spokesman Drew Coats 281-945-5444 or Coats@HoustonJetPort.com.

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