

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION APPROVES SOUTH WALLER COUNTY AIRPORT**

After an exhaustive study and review, the Federal Aviation Administration has approved the South Waller County Airport. Specifically, the FAA has approved the request by project developer WCF, LLC to convert the existing private airport on the site to a public access airport, and initially pave 4,500 feet of runway. The facility will be a business aviation airport, located between Brookshire and Katy.

The FAA's approval was made after studying and considering, "the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace by aircraft and with respect to the safety of persons and property on the ground."

"We are very pleased by the FAA's determination," said WCF principal Ron Henriksen. "The FAA also made a number of constructive suggestions to enhance the project, and we are committed to implementing all of them. Interestingly, we were already pursuing many of the FAA's suggestions, so that really vindicates our planning and design process," Henriksen continued.

The planning and design process for the Airport is ongoing, and Henriksen hopes to begin construction on the site in the next 120 to 180 days.

"We believe this airport will be a tremendous asset for the community. The Airport will significantly increase tax revenue to the county and Royal ISD, thus reducing the tax burden on Waller County citizens." Airport spokesman Drew Coats commented. "The airport will provide needed transportation infrastructure to the public without using public money. It will stimulate the economy, create good jobs and provide a variety of educational opportunities for kids."

"This approval means a lot to Waller County and Royal Independent School District," explained Royal ISD School Board Member John Ledford. "We really need economic

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development and airports attract high-quality businesses to the area. Most of the people in Royal ISD and Waller County are strongly in favor of this airport.”

In order to provide additional information about the Airport to the general public, WCF, LLC has unveiled a new website: [www.SouthWallerCountyAirport.com](http://www.SouthWallerCountyAirport.com).

For more information about the South Waller County Airport, or to arrange interviews please, contact spokesman Drew Coats at 281-945-5444.

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