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Airport Commission Adopts New Terminal Name

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Oct. 24, 2011 - The Cedar Rapids Airport Commission has unanimously approved naming the airport terminal at The Eastern Iowa Airport after former Cedar Rapids Mayor, the late Donald J. Canney.

The Commission met during its regular session Monday morning and approved a resolution naming the terminal, the Donald J. Canney Terminal. The name change is effective Nov. 2, which also marks the 25th anniversary of the terminal.

Naming the terminal after Canney, who served as the mayor of Cedar Rapids from 1969-1992, was agreed upon after working with a task force appointed by Mayor Ron Corbett. Mayor Corbett appointed a citizen task force to determine how to commemorate the life and service of Canney, who died March 20, at the age of 80.

Ralph Palmer, president of the Ar-Jay Center, served as the task force chairman. Other members include Ann Ollinger, Robert Kazimour, Hal Schaefer, Lee Clancey, Lyle Hanson, Bill Hoekstra, Chuck Swore, Dick Heft and Dave Hiserote.

Task force members considered several suggestions of various public facilities to be named after Mayor Canney. Knowing how important the airport was to Canney, and understanding how he focused on airport development during his tenure, the group initially decided the best option was to re-name the airport after him.

After working closely with airport staff, it was determined the best course of action would be to name the terminal for Mayor Canney. Many communities have named a terminal or airfield after a notable local citizen.

In addition, the airport commission and staff had been preparing a 25th anniversary celebration of the opening of the terminal. The Nov. 2 celebration will feature a program to formally announce and unveil the new terminal name.

“This is a fitting tribute to Mayor Canney, as he was the city’s leader at the time the terminal opened in 1986,” said Airport Director Tim Bradshaw, AAE.

The Cedar Rapids City Council is expected to endorse the Commission’s action when it meets Tuesday. The item will be on the council’s consent agenda.

The Eastern Iowa Airport is owned by the City of Cedar Rapids and operated by the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission. Commission members are as follows: Chairman Carroll Reasoner, Vice-Chairman Dee Baird, Secretary Joshua Schamberger, Acting Secretary Tom Hobson and Pat Baird. The Airport Director is Tim Bradshaw, AAE. There are 40 full-time employees employed by the Commission.

The Airport is served by four airlines, American Eagle, Allegiant Air, Delta Connection and United Express. There are non-stop flights to 11 destinations, providing Corridor travelers with the most options and connections in the region. For more information, go to www.crairport.org

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