



June 1, 2023	Iosco Flying Club	Since 1962
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The County Operating Millage came up for a vote on May 2nd. I am pleased to announce that the millage passed by a mere 60 votes. It's great news for the future of the County.

When I returned from vacation, I did a routine check of the runway lights and quickly learned there was a problem as the only thing that lit up was the light on top of the wind sock pole. I contacted J. Rainke, an electrical contractor out of Mt. Pleasant who specializes in runway lighting. They can't make it out until the end of June. I put in a call to St. James Electric. They did some troubleshooting and determined everything in the electric vault is operating normally, and believe the issue was out in the field somewhere, which is beyond their expertise.



I read a lot of posts about pilots camping on North Fox Island, which is located south of Beaver Island. From what I can tell there is nothing out there. There are no restaurants, no shopping, no fuel or aircraft maintenance, and most of all, there is no cell phone coverage. Can you image the logistical nightmare if you have a maintenance issue with your plane? In an attempt to get some use out of our pavilion and attract pilot/campers to our airport, I've installed a park style charcoal grill and am acquiring a couple fire rings for campfires. The pavilion has electricity for lighting and charging mobile devices. Please feel free to take advantage of the pavilion.

I received approval from the County Commissioner to sell the Kubota 63 inch snow blower that's been largely unused as the rear wheels on the tractor are wider than the snow blower. The sheriff is auctioning it for us. I've also purchased some pallet forks for the Kubota tractor. It will make better use of the tractor and save on some of the heavy lifting done around the field.

On Sunday, May 21st, Applied Pavement Technology, Inc., who is contracted by MDOT Aero, was on the field assessing our pavement condition on the runway, apron and taxiways. If there is a need to rehabilitate some areas, they will look for grants to complete the project. They typically visit airports every three years.

Our runway was painted on May 18th. It was great to get it painted before the flying season really kicks off over the Memorial Day weekend. It looks great, and the best part was that the runway was only closed for about four hours.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin

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