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Okaloosa Regional Airport Now Northwest Florida Regional Airport

On September 2, 2008, the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to change the Okaloosa Regional Airport to the **Northwest Florida Regional Airport**. The airport provides service to many communities throughout the region and the nomenclature has often confused travelers. “A self-descriptive geographic reference that better encompasses the Airport’s mission and location has been sought and we believe that Northwest Florida better identifies the airport’s geographic location to out-of-state travelers,” said Airport Director Greg Donovan. The three-digit airport code VPS will remain unchanged.

The new name will take effect immediately; however, the expense in changing the name on stationary, signage, etc will be gradual as materials are expended. The entire cost of this transition is paid through airport funds. **The Northwest Florida Regional Airport** will continue to be owned and operated by Okaloosa County and is not dependent upon ad valorem taxes.

The Airport currently has five (5) airlines providing non-stop service for 811,000 annual passengers to six (6) destinations. In July the Airport enjoyed a 6 percent increase in the number of passengers as compared to the following year. For further information please contact the Airport at (850) 651-7160, extension 4 or visit our website at www.FlyVPS.com.

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