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Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Commission Supports SkyWest Airlines Essential Air Service Proposal

Eau Claire, Wisconsin: At a special meeting held this afternoon, the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport Commission voted to support the proposal of SkyWest Airlines to provide Essential Air Service for the next 36 months. The decision comes after significant discussion with SkyWest Airlines and feedback from the community. The Commission's recommendation will be submitted to the US Department of Transportation for further approval.

Two proposals were received including a proposal from the Airport's incumbent carrier, Sun Country Airlines. The decision was difficult given the phenomenal service and nonstop destinations offered by Sun Country. Their commitment to the region and willingness to partner with the Airport during challenging times is greatly appreciated.

"On behalf of the Airport Commission, we can't thank both carriers enough for their interest in our community," said Airport Commission Chair, Bill Hilgedick. "After careful review of all available information, the majority of Commissioners felt that SkyWest Airlines would be best positioned to serve the most local passengers given their breadth of connectivity over the course of the contract."

The next step is to receive approval from the US DOT, who makes the final decision on Essential Air Service contracts. We are hopeful the US DOT will expedite their decision-making process to allow passengers to plan. We will keep the public informed as soon a final decision by the US DOT has been made.

Members of the public wishing to obtain additional information on the current Essential Air Service process at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport can visit the Frequently Asked Questions on this topic located on the Airport website at [Essential Air Service Proposal Updates | Airport News | Eau Claire County \(chippewavalleyairport.com\)](#). The Airport will continue to keep the FAQ's page updated throughout this process.

About the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport – The Chippewa Valley Regional Airport is an FAA certified commercial service airport located in Eau Claire, WI. Businesses at the airport offer commercial service flights, on-demand charter flights, emergency medical transportation, flight instruction, aircraft rental, aircraft maintenance, car rentals, and a full-service restaurant. Learn more at www.chippewavalleyairport.com.

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