



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: March 8, 2018
Person Contacted: Shorty Whittington, Batesville Airport Manager
NTSB Accident Number: CEN18FA053 – Oldenburg, Indiana

Narrative:

Mr. Whittington stated that the airport was closed because it had been losing money and he was planning to make some changes. There had been some discussion about the city of Batesville purchasing or leasing the airport, which would potentially make the airport eligible for federal funding. No funding was available as long as the airport was privately owned.

Mr. Whittington coordinated the airport closure with the FAA and Indiana DOT. In accordance with the guidance he received, a Notice to Airmen was filed with the FAA, “X’s” were placed over the numbers at both ends of the runway, equipment was conspicuously placed along the runway centerline between the “X’s”, and all runway lighting was turned off.

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