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Subject: Question of airport manager for CEN23LA423

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I attempted to contact the airport manager for the Broken Bow Municipal Airport, Broken Bow, NE, in regard to accident number CEN23LA423. I was instead contacted by an attorney representing the city in litigation stemming from the accident. I sent the attorney a list of questions and received the responses below on 9/12/2025 from the attorney.

1. How long had you been the airport manager when the accident occurred?

Answer: I am confirming these dates.

2. Can you give a brief description of your aviation background?

Answer: The City Manager and Airport Manager attend yearly trainings on airport management and aviation hosted by the State of Oklahoma.

3. Since a NOTAM (Notice to airman) had not been issued for the mowing or hay bailing operations on the day of the accident, can you tell why one was not issued?

Answer: A NOTAM was not issued because (1) the City was not required to issue and (2) the decedent was not scheduled to mow the Airport on the day in question. The decedent was instructed to mow in the cemetery across the

street and after she completed mowing that area, voluntarily and without direction, moved to the Airport and began mowing.

4. Were you aware of the NOTAM service of the FAA which informs pilots of information essential to flight operations?

Answer: The City Manager and Airport Manager attend yearly training the State of Oklahoma offers on airports. During those trainings, they were never taught about NOTAM's for mowing maintenance. In addition, the City Manager and Airport Manager were advised that NOTAMs were not required because they did not receive any federal funding.

5. Was the woman who was moving wearing a safety vest?

Answer: It is unknown if she was wearing a safety vest.

6. Was she wearing hearing protection? It was reported that decedent was wearing airpods instead of ear protection.

7. Did the mower have a flashing yellow light installed?

Answer: I am confirming the answer to this question.

8. Did the mower have a radio in which she could monitor the CTAF (common Traffic Advisory Frequency)?

Answer: I am confirming the answer to this question.

9. The information I have is that the mower was moving toward the south along the west side of the runway when the accident occurred. Can you confirm this?

Answer: Yes.