



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 4/20/2017
Person Contacted: James Flenner (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA17CA239

Narrative:

The following is a summary of a conversation that occurred with the individual named above:

- He reported that the original destination for the flight was Fallon Southwest Private Airport, but he mistakenly landed at Darrow Private Airport.
- He reported that once he realized he was at the wrong airport, he noted that the FAA sectional chart and airport facility directory published runway dimensions of 2,600 ft. x 25 ft.
- He reported that his prior performance calculations indicated that a takeoff from a runway 2,600 ft. long was within an acceptable distance.
- He reported that prior to takeoff he picked the halfway point along the runway, and decided that if he didn't "hit 70 knots," he would abort the takeoff.
- He reported that during the takeoff roll, he reached the halfway point along the runway and was not at 70 knots, so he decided to abort the takeoff by reducing power to idle and applying the brakes.
- He reported that the airplane pulled to the left of centerline "slightly" when the takeoff was aborted, and subsequently the airplane veered off the runway to the left.
- The pilot reported that after the airplane deviated slightly to the left during the aborted takeoff, the left wing struck two fence posts that were sticking up higher than the other fence posts along the runway. The collision with the fence posts pulled the airplane off the runway surface to the left and into a ditch and barb wire fence.
- The pilot reported after the accident that he measured the runway distance, with Google Earth, to be 2,100 ft. long, rather than 2,600 ft.