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**SEC-AAAE Board Member
Connie Gowder, CCP**

[Connico](#), a leading, national construction consultancy that services the aviation, civil, transportation, institutional, commercial, and industrial markets, today announced that Connie Gowder, its founder and president, passed away on Sunday August 8th at age 63 after a terminal diagnosis received only weeks ago.

“It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our colleague and friend Connie Gowder, Connico’s founder,” said David Hunley, co-owner and vice president. “After founding Connico in 1990, Connie grew the company into a leading national construction consultancy known for its extraordinary team and commitment to superior client service.”

Connie built a renowned team of professionals who are viewed as trusted advisors by Connico’s clients and partners. Among her many accomplishments, Connie provided leadership and oversight on a wide array of major infrastructure projects that transformed airports, roadways, and communities across the country.

An active leader in the industry, Connie served as a corporate board member of SEC-AAAE and a board member of the Airport Consultants Council. She was also a member and Certified Cost Professional of AACE International.

Connie and the company’s senior leadership team created a succession plan that continues to keep the company operating without interruption. David Hunley will continue to serve as Connico’s vice president. As the company works to appoint an interim President/Owner, it will continue operating as a DBE/WBE, one of the many advantages of working with Connico.

Sept. - Oct. 2021

**Dulles manager to be
director of Roanoke-
Blacksburg Regional
Airport**

[Roanoke Times](#)
Stewart, 60, is also a vice president with the Metropolitan Washington **Airports** Authority ...

**Airport continues work
with FAA, readies for
archaeological survey**

[The Messenger](#)
Upchurch said he has also drafted an environmental assessment that will be advertised and sent to the ...

**House Committee Calls
for Action on Surge in
Unruly Passengers**

[HSToday](#)
Chair of the House Committee on **Transportation** and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR) has sent a letter to the ...

**First American Airlines
flight lands in Columbus
- WTVM**

[WTVM](#)
COLUMBUS, Ga. (WTVM) - The **Columbus** economy is getting a huge shot in the arm as today, the **Columbus Airport** officially welcomed back American Airlines with ...

[Commercial, general aviation airports contribute \\$1.63B to West Virginia economy](#)

Transportation Today

"The purpose of the study is to take the first look in over 30 years at the economic impact of our **airports**," Aeronautics Commission **Director** Sean Hill ...

[\\$67 million overhaul of Blue Grass Airport taxiways complete after nearly a decade](#)

Lexington Herald Leader

"Like roadways are, taxiways can get congested and enhancements need to be made to accommodate future growth," said Elizabeth Woodward, **chair** of ...

[Tennessee state-led tourism campaign leaves Tri-Cities out of travel push](#)

WJHL-TV News Channel 11

... said Gene Cossey, executive **director** of the Tri-Cities **airport** authority. Cossey says of Tennessee's five commercial **airports**, only TRI was left out of ...

[The abandoned airport terminal where everything still works](#)

Action News Now

Kevin Dolliole, a native New Orleanian and **the airport's director** of aviation, has a whiff of nostalgia when describing what it's like when he steps from ...

[Shelby announces FAA grants to eight Alabama airports](#)

Yellowhammer News

Eight Alabama **airports** will receive more than \$8.29 million in Federal ... UAB's Division of Infectious Diseases **director** Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, who at a ...

[WATCH NOW: Stafford's regional airport receives additional \\$5.5 million to complete runway ...](#)

Fredericksburg.com

Airport Manager Ed Wallis said work will begin in September and projects next fall as the completion target for the new runway to begin accepting ...

[Drake Field runway project in Fayetteville coming courtesy of federal government, manager says](#)

Arkansas Online

An **Airport** Improvement Program grant from the Federal Aviation Administration will cover 90% of the cost, about \$5.5 million, to mill and overlay the ...

[Coastal Carolina Regional Airport hoping for direct flights to DC](#)

WCTI12.com

"If we get this flight, it could bring \$3 million to the area in just a year and nearly \$500 million over the next 20 years," said **Airport Business Manager** Eric ...

[Two Mississippi airports receive grant funds through American Rescue Plan](#)

WJTV

announced the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation ... /John Bell Williams Airport Authority/Ms. Michelle Jackson, **Airport Manager** ...

[St. Pete-Clearwater airport director shares development plans for 130-acre property, more](#)

St Pete Catalyst

"We can have any aeronautical uses, but we have to construct a taxiway system on the property for that use," St. Pete-Clearwater **Airport Director** Tom ...

[Change in flight schedule blamed for dip in passengers](#)

Beckley Register-Herald

... Greenbrier Valley **Airport's** enplanement numbers in July are tapering off, and **Director** Brian Belcher pinned the blame squarely on an unexpected ...

[Hartsfield-Jackson Receives Multiple Awards](#)

AviationPros.com

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport** (ATL) was recognized as an ... America (ACI) Inclusion Champion Award Large Hub **Airport**. ... Myrna White, Assistant General **Manager** of the Office of Public and International Affairs.

[Hartsfield-Jackson's New Manager Bheodari to Get \\$310000 Salary](#)

AviationPros.com

Bheodari is a longtime executive at Hartsfield- Jackson who had been interim **manager** of **the airport** since April, when Selden stepped down. The city ...

[AAAE Elects Leaders for 2021-22 at 93rd Annual Conference & Exposition](#)

AviationPros.com

He succeeds Kelly L. Campbell, A.A.E., Executive Director, Aviation, ... Spokane International Airport;; Maria S. Sheridan, A.A.E., **Airport Manager**, ...

[Baton Rouge airport gets \\$1M grant to help land direct flight to DC](#)

Greater Baton Rouge Business Report

... Ronald Reagan Washington National **Airport**, says Jim Caldwell, marketing, public relations and air service development **manager** at the ...

[Myrtle Beach International Airport traffic up 35% for June compared to 2019](#)

WBTW

“The level of passenger traffic we’re seeing at MYR this summer is truly incredible,” **Director of Airports** Scott Van Moppes said. “Summer travel began ...

[Miami International Airport implements drone detection](#)

Security Magazine

The Miami International Airport (MIA) was selected by the U.S. **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** as a test site for new drone detection ...

[Tupelo Regional looking to power terminal with solar](#)

Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal

TUPELO – If Tupelo Regional **Airport** executive **director** Joe Wheeler is looking to power the terminal at **the airport** with solar energy, the just-passed ...

[Morgantown Municipal Airport receives \\$59k through American Rescue Plan](#)

WBOY.com

Airport Director Jonathon Vrabel said the money is much-needed. Jonathon Vrabel. The purpose of this grant is to cover operational expenses for ...

[Airport authority contingently awards \\$4M bid for hangar construction at Beaufort facility](#)

Carolinacoastonline

Airport manager Jesse Vinson reported the airport’s engineer, Talbert & Bright, had reviewed the two bids received last week and recommended ...

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[City of Morgantown \(West Virginia\) to highlight local artists through partnership with airport](#)

WV News
... a partnership with the Morgantown Art Association and the Morgantown **Municipal Airport** to showcase local artists' works in the airport terminal.

[Airport Director Average Salary in USA 2021](#)

Talent.com
Airport Director make an average of \$131502 / year in USA, or \$67.44 / hr. Try Talent.com's salary tool and search thousands of salaries in your ...

[Federal money gives Lebanon airport a little more runway, but the destination is still in the works](#)

Valley News
In the fallout, Lebanon **Municipal Airport** struggled. The West Lebanon facility relies on a steady stream of executives, Dartmouth College visitors and ...

[Atlanta Asphalt Contractor Turns to Telematics to Enhance Efficiencies – Atlanta, Georgia](#)

Eminetra
... at Hartsfield International **Airport** in Atlanta, when the telematics system helped to ... An immediate way for Snell and his **manager** to get through the noise was to ... "It was," Snell said of new insights into asphalt **operations**.

[New Deputy Airport Director](#)

Please welcome new Deputy Airport Director Deontae Watson. Watson previously worked as the Aviation Budget Analyst at Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT). He also served as the CLT Airport Operations Officer III for several years. Watson earned a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management Degree from Tennessee State University. He completed his Master of Business Administration in Aviation Finance degree at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



"While studying and creating a passion for aviation management in college, I knew that Airport Management was the route that I wanted to take," Watson said. "I have had the chance of working at both small and large airports. With my experience and passion for aviation, I formed a goal of becoming a Deputy Airport Director or an Assistant Airport Director of a small airport. One of my new professional goals is to enhance and preserve Fayetteville Regional Airport's facilities to support the gradual increase of passenger traffic."

Watson's first day as Deputy Airport Director was April 19.

[Tampa International CEO nabs FDOT's director of the year award](#)

Philadelphia Business Journal
"The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority scooped two big wins this past weekend," according to a Tuesday release from **the airport**. FDOT awards ...

[Louisville Regional Airport Authority announces corporate realignment](#)

The Lane Report
Joining in 2013 as the **Airport Authority's** then-Deputy Executive **Director** of Planning and Engineering, Brian has nearly 30 years of experience in ...

[Yeager Airport to change its name in 2022](#)

WOWK 13 News
According to the **airport's** public affairs **manager**, Chris Williams, the **airport** will be called "West Virginia International Yeager **Airport**" starting January 1 ...

[Myrtle Beach airport now South Carolina's busiest airport | Lexington Herald Leader](#)

Lexington Herald Leader

The airport set a record for passenger traffic with more than 500,000 total passengers in July, WBTW-TV reported. That's the highest monthly passenger ...

[President Biden extends travel mask mandate to 2022 | WBOY.com](#)

WBOY.com

Masks will be required on all public transportation including in airports and on commercial aircraft, trains and public maritime vessels, such as ferries and ...

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Coastal Carolina Regional Airport working to offer flights to and from Washington, DC

WNCT

Airport officials are hopeful by May 2022 they can offer flights to and from ... add more to that by starting this route," said Eric Litchfield, business **director** for EWN. Litchfield said the **airport** applied for a grant through the North Carolina ...

Morgantown Municipal Airport opens new art gallery, begins next phase of runway extension ...

WV News

"Right now, we are gathering that that solid rock foundation that we need for the runway," Jonathan Vrabel, **airport director**, said. "We'll also start ...

Savannah Hilton Head airport sees travel numbers rise again as it works toward expansion

Savannah Morning News

The Savannah/Hilton **Head International Airport** is once again seeing an increase in the number of travelers passing through its gates. After a ...

Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport reports recent runway expansion impacting local ...

WDBJ7

"Aircrafts allow businesses to be efficient in their **operations** and the closer of which that we can get them to our community, the better off we are from an ...

Daytona airport named top commercial service airport in state

Daytona Times

... entire DAB team to continuously make this airport the best for our passengers, community and airline partners," said

Savannah/Hilton Head airport expansion moves forward, tourism leaders hopeful

WSAV-TV

(WSAV) – As the travel industry continues to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Savannah-Hilton **Head International Airport** is continuing ...

Tallahassee International Airport wins environmental award for newest solar panel farm

WCTV

(WCTV) - The Tallahassee **International Airport** was recognized with the 2021 FAC J. Bryan Cooper Environmental Award at this past week's Florida ...

Greenbrier Valley Airport's economic impact gaining altitude

Beckley Register-Herald

Statewide, the annual impact of the aviation industry is more than \$1 billion, the study revealed. **Airport Director** Brian Belcher told The Register-Herald ...

Central Kentucky Regional Airport set to grab hold of million-dollar grant

LEX18 Lexington KY News

MADISON COUNTY, Ky. (LEX 18) — The city of Berea and the Central Kentucky **Regional Airport** is set to receive a major infrastructure investment to ...

Newport News airport is getting closer to having flights to DC

Daily Press

"Now, it's time to talk to them about the how and when," **airport** executive **director** Michael Giardino said. He said the odd amount of the grant is based on ...

Blue Grass Airport goes live with Aerosimple, a new enterprise airport operations management ...

WFMZ Allentown

A secure, easy to implement **airport operations** software developed by Aerosimple, allows airports to streamline and simplify daily airport tasks, making ...

Flagler Airport Director Roy Sieger Named Chairman of Florida Airports Council

FlaglerLive.com

Flagler Executive **Airport Director** Roy Sieger has been installed as the **chairman** of the Florida **Airports** Council for the coming year, increasing his ...

Frontier Airlines set to offer Florida flights out of Stewart airport

The Daily Freeman

"Frontier Airlines is the first new airline to join **the airport** since we launched our new incentive program," Port Authority Executive **Director** Rick Cotton ...

Roanoke airport numbers continue moving toward pre-pandemic levels

WSLS 10

... by the **airports** and airlines to ensure their safety," stated David Jeavons, interim executive **director** of the Roanoke Regional **Airport** Commission.

Gainesville Regional Airport debuts new terminal expansion

WCJB

... is their **airport**," said Gainesville Regional **Airport** Public Relations **Manager**, Erin Porter. "We're proud, we think we're worthy of this amazing facility."

Frontier Airlines to offer nonstop flights to Orlando out of Pensacola starting at \$29

Pensacola News Journal

Lewis Garvin, **airport** marketing **manager**, told the News Journal that 2019 was "a banner year" for the **airport** in setting records for the number of ...

Miami International Airport upgrades its incident logging system to Qognify's Situator enterprise ...

SourceSecurity.com

The nerve centre at Miami International Airport (MIA) is its **Airport Operations** Center (AOC), which operates around the clock, monitoring activity, ...

Tri-State Airport receives funding for new flights

West Virginia MetroNews

"It would be Chicago to Huntington to Dulles and then back," explained Brent Brown, **director** of the Huntington Tri-State **Airport**. Brown said, being a ...

Volusia County lands \$4 million federal economic development grant

Ormond Beach Observer

Volusia County **Manager** George Recktenwald said the grant award will ... impact it's going to have in making our **airport** that much more competitive ...



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The designs are in: What Hilton Head Airport will look like after \$37.5M terminal project

Hilton Head Island Packet

What will the terminal expansion at Hilton **Head Airport** actually look like? Beaufort County has released new renderings to show residents ...

Puppy power

Hilton Head Monthly

DOG BRINGS COMFORT TO HILTON HEAD AIRPORT ... Jon Rembold, C.M., Airports Director, says the idea of having a comfort dog visit the Hilton ...

Delta Airlines announces the hiring of more than 2K employees in Georgia

Johnson City Press

Officials estimate the **airport** has an \$82 billion economic impact on the state. Delta also has hubs in Albany, Augusta, Brunswick, **Columbus**, ...

Runway work at Fort Smith Regional Airport halts commercial flights for two weeks

talkbusiness.net

5, due a planned construction project of repaving the airport's main runway, said Michael Griffin, **airport director**. American Airline service will ...



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Charleston airport overcomes difficult year with anticipated record July

Charleston Regional Business

Summey served on the board of **directors** in 2019 and started as **CEO** two months before the pandemic shut down most of the U.S. The shift ...

Marketing Committee pushes for Yeager Airport name change

WSAZ-TV

"We also want to preserve General Yeager's legacy," Nick Keller, **Airport Director** & CEO, Yeager Airport said. "We're very proud that General ...

Travel influx creates chaos at Myrtle Beach airport. Don't expect it to get better soon

The State

Myrtle Beach Hospitality Association **CEO** Stephen Greene said this kind of expansion is something tourism officials have been hoping for since the 90s...

Frontier to begin non-stop flights to Florida from Stewart Airport

Spectrum News

Alex Minton, **manager** of Air Service Development for the Port Authority, said the **airport** can certainly handle the new service, and there is demand for ...

New passenger terminal on track for Kentucky airport

Raleigh News & Observer

"I'm very pleased with how everything is proceeding," said Dennis Rouleau, **airport executive director**. "We had some minor issues, but for the most ...

Send your airport's action shots to

Becky Huckaby, AAE

Madam Chairman

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[MYR sees highest passenger count for July in South Carolina history | WPDE](#)

wpde.com

"This is an incredible win for the Myrtle Beach International Airport," said Scott Van Moppes, **Director of Airports**. "Not only was MYR the busiest airport ...

[Shreveport Regional Airport introduced the first of many new passenger boarding bridges](#)

Shreveport Times

... while at Shreveport Regional Airport is important to us," said Stephanie Tucker, interim **director of airports** for the Shreveport Airport Authority.

[Columbus Airport Commission offers incentives to get American Airlines back in market with ...](#)

WRBL

COLUMBUS, Ga. (WRBL) — There is a new airline service in Columbus. American Airlines started flying in and out of the Columbus **Airport** on ...

[Ambulance delays at Hartsfield-Jackson prompt moves to improve](#)

Atlanta Journal Constitution

The Atlanta **airport** has multiple fire stations and a centralized command ... Hartsfield-Jackson general **manager** Balram Bheodari told the Atlanta city ...

[Nothing to sneeze at: Breeze Airways gets half a million dollars to start air service in Pittsburgh](#)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Breeze started service from the **airport** to **Charleston, S.C.**; Hartford, Conn.; ... According to the **authority**, the \$560,000 incentive package, signed last ...

[At Myrtle Beach's airport, county police are breaking a law they're supposed to enforce](#)

The State

But at Myrtle Beach International **Airport**, it's law enforcement that are failing to wear masks. David McMahon, the federal security **director** for TSA in ...

[St. Augustine airport wins FAA grant to offer airline service to Charlotte](#)

Daytona Beach News-Journal

The grant money awarded to Northeast Florida Regional **Airport** is to be ... "We were quite excited," said Ed Wuellner, the **airport's** longtime **director**, ...

[Chesterfield County to exercise eminent domain for airport expansion](#)

8News

According to **Airport Manager** Jeremy Wilkinson, the operational requirements of these aircraft, particularly during inclement weather, require an ...

[Memphis-Miami flights: New direct flight via Frontier Airlines begins this fall](#)

The Commercial Appeal

Memphis International Airport passengers will soon have another direct flight option to Miami. Frontier Airlines will begin nonstop flights between ...

[West Virginia airports to receive American Rescue Plan funding](#)

WV News

The Upshur County **Regional Airport** will receive \$22,000. The largest award is \$1.88 million to the Tri-State/Milton J Ferguson Field Airport. Next is the ...

[Spirit Airlines Loses Its Spirit For Greensboro To Fort Lauderdale](#)

The Rhino Times

However, at a recent meeting of the Piedmont Triad **Airport** Authority, Kevin Baker, the executive **director** of PTIA, announced that Spirit Airlines was ...

Jerry Carl, Congressman for the 1st District of Alabama Tours the New Air Traffic Control Tower Facility at Jack Edwards National Airport (JKA)

Representative Jerry Carl recognized National Aviation Week by visiting Jack Edwards National Airport, obtaining a project update on the airport, and tour of the new air traffic control tower facility in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Scott Fuller, Airport Manager, updated the Congressman and Airport Board Members on the airports final efforts to complete the transition from a general aviation facility to commercial service.

The Airport Tower is in the final construction phase with commissioning scheduled for November this year. The new air service terminal is in design phase and slated for completion the fourth quarter of 2022. Also slated for construction in 2022 is a new aircraft rescue and firefighting station on the airport.

“I’m proud to work with the Gulf Shores Airport Authority to help address the longstanding critical safety and efficiency issue for the Jack Edwards National Airport tower. I’m excited by the progress the airport is making to better serve the travel needs of the surrounding community, and I look forward to seeing the airport continually increasing its role as an economic generator fueling business growth for Baldwin County,” said Rep. Jerry Carl.

Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft told the Congressman that "Jack Edwards National Airport is seen as a vital asset to the health of Gulf Shores, South Baldwin County, and communities along the Alabama Gulf Coast.



Pictured left to right Jason Dyken, Congressman Jerry Carl, Scott Fuller, Vic Roberts, Craig Olmstead



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