Alexandria Airport

- In 1928 Northern Airlines demanded new landing site.
- The Airport began in 1920’s in Raiter’s Pasture on the current airport location and at that time it was 2 miles from town.
- The airport was moved to Kiep’s Farm by the City 3 miles South on leased land until 1931.
- In October 1931 the U.S. Weather Bureau decided to build an airport and weather station to aid the St. Paul to Fargo airmail service.
In 1932 a NE-SW 2000’ X 300’ runway and a NW-SE 1800’ X 300’ runway with a standard 100’ circle at the junction was built.

The Government provided WX 24 hours a day from a 16X20 building heated with a coal stove.

A new 50X50 Hangar was built for $800.00 with room for 3 medium sized planes. The hangar was built by Phil Noonan and donated to the City.
• July 26, 1934 Lights and radio were installed and the field changed from an emergency field to full time operation.
• McInnis Aviation Service was awarded the FBO contract in 1934 and operated a government training program for several months.
• In November 1941 the Fleetcraft Company was awarded the contract for the FBO, maintenance and agreed to keep the airport open in the winter.
• The City received 15% of commercial receipts and 1 cent per gallon flowage fee for fuel.
• October 1942 the Alexandria Airport was awarded a $950,000 dollar makeover by the Civil Aeronautics Authority for national defense purposes.
By the “War Powers Act” 535 acres were confiscated and Alexandria compensated the land owners a total of $37,387.30 in damages. The Federal Government Paved the runways and the airport was used as a refueling and emergency base for boomers.
• A FAA Flight Service Station was located on the field from the 1940’s until 1990
• Bellanca Aircraft moved to Alexandria in 1954.
• Alexandria Airport became home of the Bellanca Viking with 1356 produced over the years.
• Bellanca Aircraft is still located on the field and is now owned by Alexandria Aircraft LLC.
Bellanca also built the Eagle spray aircraft from 1979 to 1983 producing 93 aircraft.
• 1962 to 1973 Harold Chandler was the FBO owner, Airport Manager and FAA Flight Examiner.
• 1978 the City of Alexandria named the airport Chandler Field.
• 1973 to 1975 Don Clobes was the Airport Manager and is currently a part time instructor for Alexandria Aviation.
• 1976 to 1985 Lon Levitz was the Airport Manager and FBO Owner and in 1976 Alexandria Aviation Inc. was started.
• 1985 to 2007 Al Bennewitz was Airport Manager and is a current owner of Alexandria Aviation along with Shelly Johnson and Todd Roth.
• Todd Roth assumed the Airport Manager position in 2008 and is presently the airport manager.
• Aviation businesses on field include Webers Aero, Alexandria Aircraft LLC and Life Link III.
• The EAA Chapter 702 is located on the field
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