

Grant W. Sussey

Since arriving at Watertown International Airport as the Airport Manager, Grant has propelled unprecedented growth and expansion at the airport. He is a licensed commercial pilot, certified flight instructor, NYS licensed outdoor guide, amateur radio operator, and a small unmanned aircraft system pilot. Grant has previously worked in either airport operations or management at the Orange County Airport and the Albany International Airport before coming to Watertown in November of 2013.

In his tenure at Watertown, he has overseen the construction of a number of major airfield infrastructure improvements including a new Business Center & FBO facility, a runway extension, as well as numerous other hangar, taxiway, and runway improvements. Grant has also overseen numerous rehabilitations and expansions to the passenger terminal, the construction of a new ARFF building, as well as security and access control system improvements.

Mr. Sussey has been instrumental in assisting Jefferson County by leveraging a small amount of County investment to secure tens of millions of dollars of improvements utilizing FAA, Empire State Development, and NYSDOT grant funding. And he's still going!!

All of these projects have been undertaken with one goal in mind – to improve the Watertown International Airport by enhancing the safety, operational efficiency, and passenger experience for the users of the Airport.

Grant has made it a priority to ensure that the airport facilities remain a valuable community and economic asset as the community recovers from the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic.

Grant's involvement with New York Aviation Management Association started as a student member while attending SUNY Oswego where he received a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. As Grant's involvement in NYAMA continued, he subsequently joined the Board of Directors and is currently serving as the association President.

On weekends and evenings, Grant volunteers as both a Mission Pilot and Instructor Pilot with the Civil Air Patrol of the United States Air Force Auxiliary and enjoys spending his free time in the Adirondacks in either a canoe or amphibious aircraft floats.

