



Mr. Mike Nardini
City Administrator
825 Broadway Street
Pella, IA 50219

Re: South Central Regional Airport / Pella Municipal Airport

Dear Mr. Nardini:

On behalf of Pella Corporation, I am writing to inform you and the Pella City Council that Pella Corporation no longer supports pursuing the South Central Regional Airport and, instead, prefers operating out of the Pella Municipal Airport. Our decision is based on the following considerations:

- The Iowa Supreme Court ruling last June.
- The challenge to successfully annex non-consenting property owner land.
- The likelihood of prolonged litigation over the project.
- Pella Corporation's decision to evolve its fleet from Category C to Category B aircraft. One Learjet left the fleet in April 2022 and was replaced by a Citation Sovereign+ and the intention is to replace the remaining Learjet at an appropriate time in the future with another Citation Sovereign+.
- There are not any other consistent operators of Category C aircraft.

While we understand and appreciate the efforts to create a new regional airport capable of meeting the needs of businesses in the area, the circumstances simply do not support continuing in that direction. We will plan on investing in a renovation of the Pella hangar to accommodate our fleet and we appreciate the City of Pella's commitment to make the appropriate improvements to the Pella Municipal Airport, such as recently adding additional ramp space.

Please let us know if we can provide you with any additional information on our position regarding the South Central Regional Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Bollman".

John Bollman
Pella Corporation
Executive Vice President & CHRO