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Gary Schwartz, Airport Commission Chair
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Merrill Municipal Airport (RRL)
Merrill, WI
Approval of Forecast

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) under the State Block Grant Program (SBGP) per 49 USC § 47128, is responsible for reviewing aviation demand forecasts following the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Forecast Review and Approval Instructions (August 2024). The Merrill Municipal Airport (RRL), included in this program, submitted its aviation demand Forecast Chapter dated September 2025 and was reviewed by the BOA. As RRL is a non-towered airport and the sponsor has attested that the operations are less than 90,000 annually, a detailed forecast is not warranted.

The BOA approves the existing and 10-year outlook period (future) critical aircraft for the Primary Runway 7/25 as A-I. In consultation with the FAA Chicago Airport District Office (ADO), Runway 16/34 has been designated as a Legacy Crosswind. While regular use for Runway 16/34 is not currently documented, A/B-I can be used for planning purposes.

The approval of this forecast does not automatically constitute a commitment on the part of the United States to participate in any development recommended in the Master Plan or shown on the Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Justification for future projects will be made based on activity levels at the time the project is requested for development, in accordance with criteria in FAA Orders 5090.5 and 5100.38. Documentation of actual activity levels meeting planning activity levels will be necessary to justify Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding for eligible projects. Further, the forecast may be subject to additional analyses if there's a change in the fundamental rationale or critical aircraft.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda Hanson".

Brenda Hanson
Aviation Planner, BOA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas S. 'Max' Platts".

Thomas Platts
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