



**2020**

**Tennessee Aeronautics  
Commission Awards**

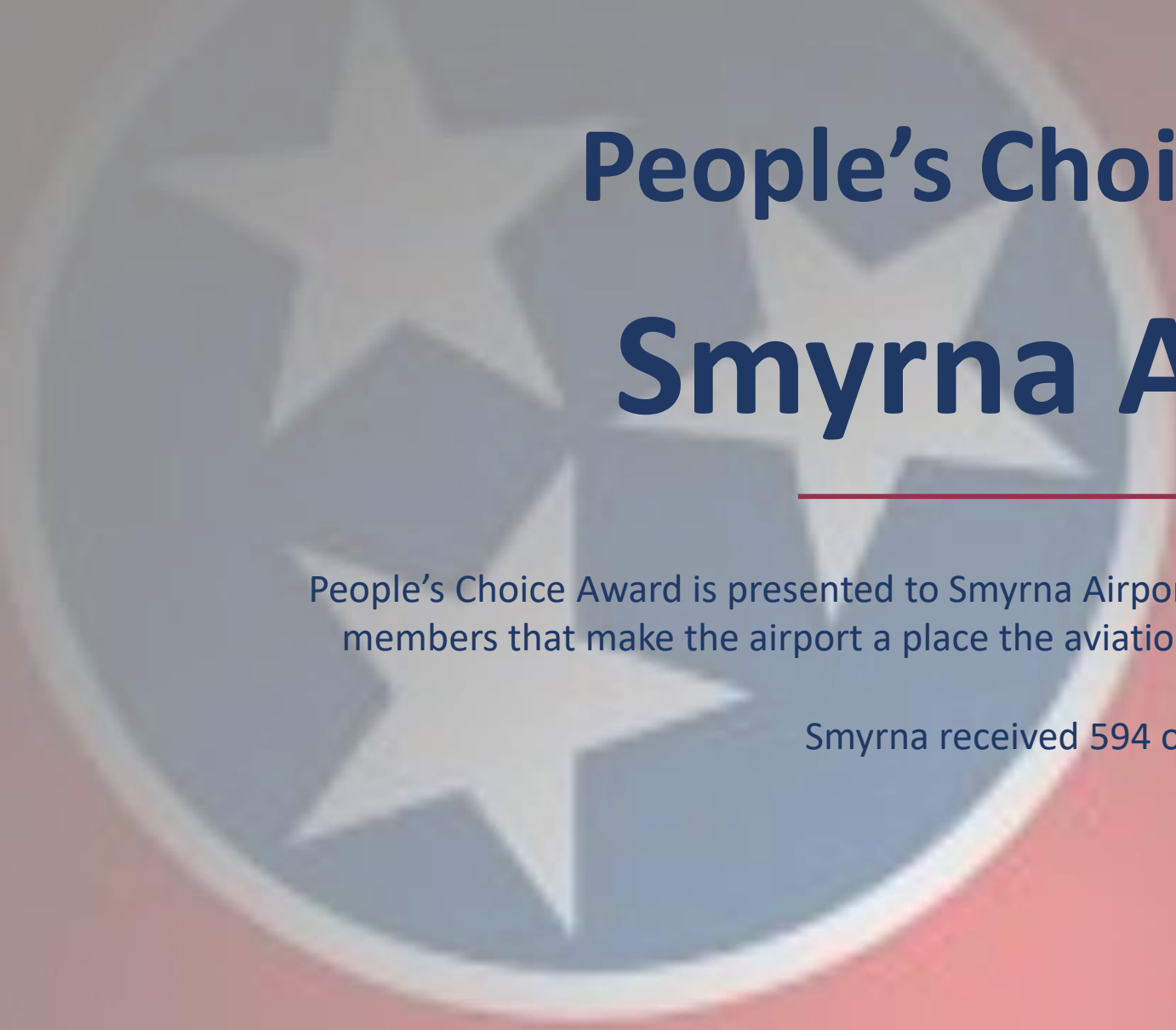


# 2020

## People's Choice Award

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People's Choice Award is given to the Airport that received the most public votes by those who use and enjoy Tennessee airports.



# People's Choice Award

# Smyrna Airport

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People's Choice Award is presented to Smyrna Airport and all the dedicated, hardworking staff members that make the airport a place the aviation community visits time and time again.

Smyrna received 594 online votes.



# 2020 Airport of the Year

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This award recognizes the Airport that demonstrated the best level of achievement for airport operations, customer service, safety, and positive promotion of aviation for the previous calendar year in the State of Tennessee.

# Airport of the Year

# Dyersburg Regional Airport

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The Airport of the Year award is presented to the Dyersburg Regional Airport. A major component of Dyersburg's transportation system is their regional airport. With a 5,700 foot runway, the airport accommodates almost 8,000 aircraft operations per year and is home to 20 based aircraft. The Dyersburg Regional Airport operates under an unconditional license issued by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The Airport Authority places safety as their number one priority and take an active role in the Airport. Their recent success in removing their State 20:1 obstructions and closing their crosswind runway, are just a couple of examples of the great work they do to provide safety for the pilots and passengers. Dyersburg Regional is second to none for service, hospitality, and well-kept facilities.



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## Governing Body of the Year

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This award recognizes the Airport Governing Body that in the estimation of voters contributed the most to the positive promotion of their Airport, Airport planning and/or airport improvements for the previous calendar year in the State of Tennessee.

# Governing Body Award

# City of Murfreesboro

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The Governing Body Award is presented to the City of Murfreesboro. Murfreesboro has made significant investment in the Airport over the last 5 years. They have committed \$4,878,903.22 to build a new terminal and improve the facilities at the airport. Additionally, in 2019 the City was awarded an Aeronautics Economic Development Fund (AEDF) project for a South Terminal Development Hangar. TDOT Aeronautics provided 49% of the project total and the City committed \$2,090,500 in matching funds. The City has also committed to fund an additional \$586,000 for an FY 2020 AEDF grant.



# 2020

## **Airport Manager of the Year**

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This award recognizes the Airport Manager that contributed the most to the development, safety, customer service, airport promotion and/or airport operations for the previous calendar year in the State of Tennessee.



# Airport Manager of the Year

# Thomas McCosh

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The Airport Manager of the Year is presented to Thomas McCosh, manager at the Monroe County Airport. Monroe County Airport has become a preferred base for small general aviation aircraft and a favorite stop for transient pilots. Tom has created an environment of excellent service and hospitality that keeps satisfied customers coming back. One pilot stated “Tom has dedicated his life to the Monroe County Airport and the pilot's that use the airport. He often spends the night there or comes in very early to accommodate the pilots. He goes out of his way to cook for the pilots, whenever the need arises. I am based out of KMNV and Tom has answered the phone and helped me with my plane several times as early as 4:30 am.”



# 2020

# Career Contributions to Aviation

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This award honors an individual who has shown exemplary devotion to the aviation community throughout their life and career.


# Career Contributions to Aviation

## Larry Mullins

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The Career Contributions to Aviation Award is presented to Larry Mullins. Larry is a graduate of East Tennessee State University, where he also obtained a master's degree in Educational Administration. After graduation, Mr. Mullins taught in the Greeneville - Greene County school system and later became the Director of the Center for Applied Technology at North East State Community College. In 1989, he founded Industrial Electronics Services, Inc., in Gray, Tennessee. He serves on various boards and foundations in the east Tennessee area and is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Larry was appointed to the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission in 2004 by Governor Phil Bredesen and served in various positions on the commission between 2004 and his leaving the Commission in 2019.

During his 15 years of service, Larry served under four different Governors.



**The Tennessee Aeronautics Commission and  
TDOT Aeronautics would like to thank all our  
Tennessee Airports for their commitment to  
excellence in service.**