



AGENDA  
AIRPORTS BOARD  
Thursday, March 21, 2013  
1:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers, Administration Building  
Beaufort County Government Center  
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. MOTION TO ACCEPT MARCH 21, 2013 AGENDA
4. MOTION TO ACCEPT FEBRUARY 21, 2013 MINUTES ([backup](#))
5. GUEST INTRODUCTIONS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT - Limited to Three Minutes Each Person
7. BEAUFORT COUNTY AIRPORT REPORT
  - A. Fuel Sales - Joel Phillips ([backup](#))
  - B. Projects Update – Rob McFee
8. HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT
  - A. Tower Report – Larry Yeager ([backup](#))
  - B. Operations Report – Larry Yeager ([backup](#))
  - C. Noise Complaints & Traffic Counters – Larry Yeager
  - D. Projects Update – Rob McFee
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Lady's Island Airport Operations - Pete Buchanan
  - B. Hilton Head Island Airport Operations - Will Dopp
10. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Discussion of Status of Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation – Joe Mazzei
  - B. Process for Consideration of Alteration of Phase 2 – Joe Mazzei
11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
12. PUBLIC COMMENT - Limited to Three Minutes Each Person
13. FUTURE MEETINGS

Airports Board: The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2013 at 1:30 PM in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

14. ADJOURNMENT



# AIRPORTS BOARD

February 21, 2013

The electronic and print media were duly notified in  
Accordance with the State Freedom of Information Act

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[http://beaufort.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://beaufort.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2)

The Airports Board met on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center. Chairman Mazzei called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Airports Board Members: Chairman Joe Mazzei, Vice Chairman Graham Kerr, Will Dopp, Derek Gilbert, Ron Smetek, Carl Wedler, Pete Buchanan, Richard Wirth, Rich Sells, Ross Sanders, Councilman John McCann – Town of Hilton Head Island Liaison, and Councilman Stu Rodman – Beaufort County Liaison. (Absent: Mike Nash)

County Staff: Gary Kubic, County Administrator; Rob McFee, Director, Engineering and Infrastructure; Councilman William McBride; Joel Phillips, Beaufort County Airport Supervisor; Larry Yeager, Hilton Head Island Chief of Operations and Linda Wright, Administrative Assistant.

Public: Judy Elder, Talbert & Bright; Wil Hamp, Resident; Anne Esposito, Resident; Joe Zimmerman, Resident; Bob Gentzler, Resident.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Sells that the February 21, 2013 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Smetek, Mr. Wedler, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Sells, and Mr. Sanders AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Nash.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Wirth that the January 17, 2013 minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Smetek, Mr. Wedler, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Sells, and Mr. Sanders AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Nash.

## **GUEST INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Due to technical difficulties there was no communication with the guests at the Hilton Head Island Library. There were no introductions or comments from the guests in Council Chambers.

## **LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Mr. Phillips reported on the fuel sales and operations for the Lady's Island Airport for January.

Mr. McFee stated the determination for the 16 power poles has been sent to SCE&G and they have been instructed by the FAA to mark and light these poles.

Mr. McFee stated the Lady's Island Master Plan was tabled November 5<sup>th</sup> and that appropriate verbiage needs to be added. Councilman McBride stated that while it is not everyone's view, Council does not feel this project will happen and they do not need to be spending time and effort trying to make it happen. Mr. Buchanan stated they need the Airport Layout Plan which is part of the Master Plan in order to move forward. Councilman McBride stated he is optimistic that it will be put back on the table. Mr. McFee hopes to have something to report by the next Board meeting.

## **HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Chief Yeager gave the tower and operations reports as well as the noise complaints for December and January.

Mr. Kubic expressed his concern over the analogy used by the Town of Hilton Head to show that they believe their numbers and growth into the future has essentially flat lined. He stated this analogy was used as a reason not to pursue the flyover. He stated that because of this the County will review the process of all of the grants and local matches and that the administration, with County Council approval, will request that the Town of Hilton Head once again endorse the Hilton Head Island Airport. Mr. Kubic stated that if they do not, perhaps the County will have to re-evaluate their position at the Airport. He stated that Councilman Rodman had suggested they engage in some engineering about the possibility of extending the runway within the property boundaries of the Airport. Mr. Kubic stated he sent an email today to the Town Council, Mr. Mazzei, County Council and to the POA's around the Airport saying that without a joint resolution of the Town and County together instructing his staff to do the engineering it will not be done. He stated that if they do this it will be with full disclosure and full involvement of all the property associations surrounding the Airport. Mr. Kubic informed the Board that from now on every signature that he has on any grant or engineering for the Airport will have the concurrence of the Town and County Councils. He stated he will not go forward with an endorsement that is withdrawn when it gets a little tough in the Chambers.

Mr. Smetek asked Mr. Kubic if they would be soliciting community participation or feedback in the dialogue that is undertaken so that they don't discover later that there are errors in figures or disagreements with the numbers. Mr. Kubic stated there are limits with the joint resolution so he is pursuing those exercises within those limits. He stated that anything that comes in that is not included in the original joint resolution in conjunction with the Master Plan will have full community review.

Mr. Mazzei stated the Master Plan has been approved by joint resolution including a limitation up to 5,000'. He asked Mr. Kubic if he was saying that before anything is undertaken beyond 5,000' that everyone must be in agreement. Mr. Kubic stated this was correct, but he had the same endorsement on the flyover by the Town which was then reversed by the Town Tuesday night. Mr. Kubic stated the Board needs to step up to the plate if they believe that the Airport is worth the \$10 million investment. Mr. Kubic stated that if the Town does not believe in the growth of their own community then the County is not going to waste the money on the Hilton Head Airport.

Mr. McFee continued with the update of the projects at the Hilton Head Island Airport. Mr. Smetek asked for the status of the benefit cost analysis. Ms. Elder stated that the benefit cost analysis is tied in with the environmental assessment so the archeological portion must be completed before they can move forward. Ms. Elder stated that when it is put out for public comment it will be advertised that the documents are available at the libraries and the Airport. Ms. Elder stated there will be a 45 day review period. Mr. Smetek wanted to know if Ms. Elder and her team would entertain any preliminary discussions. Ms. Elder stated she cannot do anything until the FAA tells her she can "put it on the streets".

Mr. Dopp asked for an update on the changes of the LMO. Mr. McFee stated a meeting has been set up with the Town, but he did not know when that would be.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Lady's Island Airport Operations –Pete Buchanan**

Mr. Buchanan stated there has been considerable activity in Charlotte over control of the airport either by the Town or by a potential airport authority. He stated he would like for the Board to think about the potential of making both Airports an airport authority. Mr. Mazzei stated that the Finance Committee is aware of this issue. Mr. Wedler stated he would like to receive information on what an airport authority actually encompasses. Mr. Mazzei did not think the Board should spend any time on this matter unless directed to do so by either the Finance Committee or County Council.

### **2. Hilton Head Island Airport Operations – Will Dopp**

Mr. Dopp stated the movements are down by 10% and passenger count is down by 6%. He stated Signature Flight Support's revenue was up by 40%. He stated Signature will be proceeding with a major renovation of their building following the Heritage Golf Tournament. Mr. Dopp stated Republic Parking's revenues are down.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

Mr. Massei stated that while there was no New Business slated, he wanted to inform the Board that he did attend the Finance Committee meeting and presented the results of Ms. Holland's review of the economic analysis and possible scenarios. Mr. Smetek stated he would not like County Council to make any decisions based on only one of many analyses.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED**

There were no comments at this time.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday March 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 2:45PM

# LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT OPERATIONS REPORT

		Avgas	Jet A	Total Flow	Total Flight Ops
<b>2013</b>					
January		2,393	2,682	5,075	1,010
February		2,831	2,798	5,629	1,102
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
2013 Totals		5,224	5,480	10,704	2,112
		Avgas	Jet A	Total Flow	Total Flight Ops
<b>2012</b>					
January		3,130	2,520	5,650	1,018
February		2,029	1,882	3,911	984
March		4,418	4,025	8,443	1,912
April		4,181	4,110	8,291	1,965
May		3,062	4,049	7,111	1,106
June		3,928	3,055	6,983	1,222
July		3,292	883	4,175	905
August		2,616	2,232	4,848	948
September		2,910	2,257	5,167	1,105
October		3,349	4,282	7,631	1,860
November		3,950	4,056	8,006	1,984
December		3,339	3,060	6,399	1,685
2012 Totals		40,204	36,411	76,615	16,694
		Avgas	Jet A	Total Flow	Total Flight Ops
<b>2011</b>					
January		3,580	3,036	6,616	920
February		4,020	1,849	5,869	1,074
March		5,166	3,005	8,171	1,847
April		4,884	4,181	9,065	2,015
May		3,666	4,822	8,488	1,280
June		3,167	1,848	5,015	1,018
July		2,968	2,336	5,304	1,038
August		2,432	2,478	4,910	912
September		2,488	2,615	5,103	858
October		3,367	3,461	6,828	1,141
November		3,913	6,168	10,081	1,838
December		3,518	2,675	6,193	1,122
2011 Totals		43,169	38,474	81,643	15,063

## HXD TOWER REPORT

<b>TOWER</b>	<b>VFR</b>	<b>IFR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>After Hrs. GA</b>	<b>After Hrs. Comm</b>	<b>Total Ops</b>
January 2013	961	1,103	2,064	128	54	2,246
February 2013	812	1,080	1,892	96	41	2,029
March 2013			0			0
April 2013			0			0
May 2013			0			0
June 2013			0			0
July 2013			0			0
August 2013			0			0
September 2013			0			0
October 2013			0			0
November 2013			0			0
December 2013			0			0
<b>TOTALS 2013</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>3,956</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4,275</b>

<b>TOWER</b>	<b>VFR</b>	<b>IFR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>After Hrs. GA</b>	<b>After Hrs. Comm</b>	<b>Total Ops</b>
January 2012	1,161	1,284	2,445	53	14	2,512
February 2012	1,174	1,351	2,525	92	20	2,637
March 2012	1,374	1,957	3,331	126	19	3,476
April 2012	1,176	2,173	3,349	127	19	3,495
May 2012	1,279	1,965	3,244	125	23	3,392
June 2012	1,103	1,678	2,781	134	35	2,950
July 2012	1,162	1,617	2,779	88	36	2,903
August 2012	970	1,566	2,536	64	37	2,637
September 2012	1,092	1,424	2,516	119	38	2,673
October 2012	1,009	1,510	2,519	126	35	2,680
November 2012	1,043	1,493	2,536	124	56	2,716
December 2012	873	1,099	1,972	125	56	2,153
<b>TOTALS 2012</b>	<b>13,416</b>	<b>19,117</b>	<b>32,533</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>34,224</b>

<b>TOWER</b>	<b>VFR</b>	<b>IFR</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>After Hrs. GA</b>	<b>After Hrs. Comm</b>	<b>Total Ops</b>
January 2011	1,027	1,082	2,109	48	17	2,174
February 2011	1,052	1,064	2,116	86	12	2,214
March 2011	1,328	1,575	2,903	117	40	3,060
April 2011	1,572	2,214	3,786	124	52	3,962
May 2011	1,721	2,038	3,759	120	67	3,946
June 2011	1,540	1,775	3,315	126	38	3,479
July 2011	1,312	1,834	3,146	80	27	3,253
August 2011	1,294	1,557	2,851	129	47	3,027
September 2011	1,029	1,493	2,522	129	52	2,703
October 2011	1,146	1,680	2,826	137	46	3,009
November 2011	945	1,505	2,450	114	14	2,578
December 2011	966	1,375	2,341	116	21	2,478
<b>TOTALS 2011</b>	<b>14,932</b>	<b>19,192</b>	<b>34,124</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>35,883</b>

## ENPLANEMENTS/DEPLANEMENTS

<b>HILTON HEAD ISLAND PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS(departures) 2004-2012</b>													
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013			
JAN	2,985	3,520	3,540	3,145	4,206	2,510	2,539	2,847	3,421	3,232			
FEB	3,431	3,957	2,748	3,250	5,275	2,976	2,916	2,800	3,625	3,342			
MAR	5,053	6,647	5,956	6,273	8,052	5,547	6,044	5,325	5,461				
APR	6,513	7,809	6,715	8,985	7,930	6,872	7,596	6,216	6,404				
MAY	6,438	7,782	6,739	8,682	8,389	7,177	7,912	6,705	6,092				
JUN	6,111	6,814	6,140	8,638	7,819	6,771	7,947	6,138	5,792				
JUL	6,051	6,849	5,850	8,498	7,954	7,393	7,629	6,018	5,896				
AUG	6,422	6,500	5,086	8,843	7,649	6,957	7,617	5,395	6,154				
SEP	4,957	1,129	5,070	7,392	5,922	6,249	7,266	5,051	5,003				
OCT	6,115	6,632	5,794	9,230	6,882	6,601	8,314	6,038	5,219				
NOV	5,052	5,107	4,313	7,355	5,927	4,121	4,940	4,908	4,567				
DEC	3,792	3,676	3,198	4,780	2,928	2,977	3,374	3,456	3,268				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>62,920</b>	<b>66,422</b>	<b>61,149</b>	<b>85,071</b>	<b>78,933</b>	<b>66,151</b>	<b>74,094</b>	<b>60,897</b>	<b>60,902</b>	<b>6,574</b>			

<b>HILTON HEAD ISLAND PASSENGER DEPLANEMENTS(arrivals) 2004-2012</b>													
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013			
JAN	2,810	3,177	3,253	2,887	3,591	2,308	2,228	2,532	3,003	2,868			
FEB	3,369	4,120	2,964	3,453	5,729	3,256	3,106	2,940	3,710	3,528			
MAR	5,558	7,418	6,652	7,313	8,652	5,770	6,750	5,715	6,051				
APR	7,053	7,912	6,740	9,289	8,263	7,057	8,111	6,774	6,353				
MAY	6,530	7,995	6,836	9,035	8,681	7,175	8,287	6,649	6,143				
JUN	6,419	7,649	6,465	8,961	8,110	7,055	8,716	6,317	5,973				
JUL	6,028	6,868	5,895	8,708	8,470	7,849	8,327	6,415	6,079				
AUG	6,518	6,399	5,177	8,979	7,748	6,684	7,706	5,291	6,291				
SEP	4,936	1,185	5,152	7,119	5,583	6,558	7,109	5,303	4,971				
OCT	6,102	6,654	5,832	9,068	7,243	6,699	8,135	5,816	5,433				
NOV	4,828	5,002	4,380	7,169	5,556	3,860	4,762	4,615	4,338				
DEC	3,972	3,742	3,419	5,010	3,037	3,248	3,668	3,763	3,479				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64,123</b>	<b>68,121</b>	<b>62,765</b>	<b>86,991</b>	<b>80,663</b>	<b>67,519</b>	<b>76,905</b>	<b>62,130</b>	<b>61,824</b>	<b>6,396</b>			



## ENPLANEMENTS/DEPLANEMENTS

<b>TOTAL PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS &amp; DEPLANEMENTS 2004-2012</b>													
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>			
JAN	5,795	6,697	6,793	6,032	7,797	4,818	4,767	5,379	6,424	6,100			
FEB	6,800	8,077	5,712	6,703	11,004	6,232	6,022	5,740	7,335	6,870			
MAR	10,611	14,065	12,608	13,586	16,704	11,317	12,794	11,040	11,512	0			
APR	13,566	15,721	13,455	18,274	16,193	13,929	15,707	12,990	12,757	0			
MAY	12,968	15,777	13,575	17,717	17,070	14,352	16,199	13,354	12,235	0			
JUN	12,530	14,463	12,605	17,599	15,929	13,826	16,663	12,455	11,765	0			
JUL	12,079	13,717	11,745	17,206	16,424	15,242	15,956	12,433	11,975	0			
AUG	12,940	12,899	10,263	17,822	15,397	13,641	15,323	10,686	12,445	0			
SEP	9,893	2,314	10,222	14,511	11,505	12,807	14,375	10,354	9,974	0			
OCT	12,217	13,286	11,626	18,298	14,125	13,300	16,449	11,854	10,652	0			
NOV	9,880	10,109	8,693	14,524	11,483	7,981	9,702	9,523	8,905	0			
DEC	7,765	7,418	6,617	9,790	5,965	6,225	7,042	7,219	6,747	0			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>127,044</b>	<b>134,543</b>	<b>123,914</b>	<b>172,062</b>	<b>159,596</b>	<b>133,670</b>	<b>150,999</b>	<b>123,027</b>	<b>122,726</b>	<b>12,970</b>			

Delta Connection/ASA began service March 17, 2007

Delta Connection/ASA suspended service November 30, 2008

Delta Connection/Mesaba began service March 2, 2009

Delta Connection/Mesaba suspended service November 2, 2009

Delta Connection/Mesaba began service March 4, 2010

Delta Connection/Mesaba suspended service November 1, 2010