

AIRPORTS BOARD

October 18, 2012

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The Airports Board met on Thursday October 18, 2012 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, Richard Wirth, Ron Smetek, Rich Sells, Ross Sanders, Carl Wedler, Councilman Rick Caporale – Beaufort County Liaison, and Councilman Ken Heitzke – Town of Hilton Head Island Liaison. (Absent: Mike Nash and Pete Buchanan)

County Staff: Paul Andres, Airports Director; Joel Phillips, Beaufort County Airport Supervisor; Linda Wright, Admin. Asst.; Councilman Stu Rodman; and Josh Gruber, Beaufort County Attorney.

Public: Judy Elder, Talbert & Bright; Brian Coffman; Steve Cucina, Signature Flight Support; Mike Peery, Signature Flight Support; Jim Fisher, Resident; Joe Zimmerman, Resident; John McCann, Resident; and Jim Collett, Resident.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sells, seconded by Mr. Kerr that the October 18, 2012 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Smetek and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Nash and Mr. Buchanan.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES

1. Future Transcription of Minutes

Discussion: Mr. Mazzei stated that in the interest of making the best use of the Board's meeting time, effective use of the staff's time, and the fact that there are video records of the meetings he wanted to make a motion to streamline the Board minutes as is done by other County Committees. Mr. Smetek wanted to take the motion under advisement, but Mr. Mazzei did not agree. Mr. Kerr and Mr. Dopp concurred with Mr. Mazzei. Mr. Sanders called for the question.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Mazzei, seconded by Mr. Sanders that from this date forward the Board's minutes are compiled according to the following format: a general summary of any discussion, comment, and presentation briefly outlining the topic shall be prepared by the staff for the Board's review and approval; actual wording of motions made and voting results as a result thereof with a summary of the discussion of such motions will be included; the draft of these minutes shall be reviewed and approved by the Board at its next meeting; and referral to the County Channel to view the Board meeting if more details are desired will be utilized. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Wirth and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – Mr. Smetek. ABSENT – Mr. Nash and Mr. Buchanan.

2. August 16, 2012 Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sells, seconded by Mr. Kerr that the August 16, 2012 minutes be approved as amended. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Smetek and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Nash and Mr. Buchanan.

3. September 20, 2012 Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Wirth that the September 20, 2012 minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Smetek and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Nash and Mr. Buchanan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT

Mr. Andres presented an update of the operations and projects at the Hilton Head Island Airport. Mr. Mazzei asked if there was any possibility that the Town would revisit their LMO in regards to completing one tree project before another is started. County Attorney Gruber stated the Town is currently engaged in re-examining the contents of their LMO and possibly updating it to make it more current. Following a discussion of the alternatives for moving the projects forward, Mr. Mazzei made a motion.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Mazzei, seconded by Mr. Wirth that the Airports Board recommend to Public Facilities Committee that County Council approach the Town with the idea of modifying the Town's LMO to permit the Hilton Head Island Airport to proceed with other tree projects without the restriction that the prior tree project has to be completed before the second project is started. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Wirth, and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – Mr. Smetek. ABSENT – Mr. Nash and Mr. Buchanan.

In continuing with the Hilton Head Island Airport update, Mr. Andres stated that the runway safety drainage improvement project has been completed. He also stated that the consultant's responses to the questions received following the last public information meeting will be released in a matter of days. Mr. Andres stated the runway lighted sign replacement project has

funding in place and we are moving forward with the contract award recommendation based on the bids to the next Public Facilities Committee meeting and then on to County Council in hopes of obtaining approval to get the work underway.

Mr. Dopp stated he was told by the manager of Signature Flight Support that they had been informed Signature would lose the first line of tie down space. Mr. Andres stated this is associated with the relocation of the taxiway. He stated that when the taxiway is relocated we will concurrently look at developing additional ramp space off the end of Signature's current ramp to replace as much square footage as possible to offset the loss. He stated this is not imminent.

There were 7 medivacs, 1 medical emergency in the terminal, 3 noise complaints, 119 after hours count, 2,673 total operations with 1,424 being IFR procedures.

LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT

Mr. Phillips gave the operations report for the Lady's Island Airport. Mr. Andres updated the Board on the projects at the Lady's Island Airport. He stated it is possible that the FAA has issued their guidance on the SCE&G power poles, but did not notify the Airport so he will follow up on this. Mr. Andres stated the Master Plan is now going to Public Facilities Committee for their consideration and recommendation to County Council on October 23rd. He stated that if it is approved and adopted by County Council it will then be submitted to the FAA and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission for their review and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Lady's Island Airport Operations – Graham Kerr for Pete Buchanan

Mr. Kerr asked Mr. Phillips for any comments. Mr. Phillips stated that the South Carolina Aeronautics did their airfield inspection and only found a few minor issues. He stated they will be working diligently to get the PAPI lights back up and operational on the 20:1 approach slope.

2. Hilton Head Island Airport Operations – Will Dopp

Mr. Dopp stated that aircraft movements are down from the same time period last year, but the passenger count is up 2%. Signature Flight Support's revenues are up by approximately 7.5% therefore the County's share is up 80% compared to the first nine months last year. Fuel revenues are up by 10% due, in part, to the higher cost of fuel.

Discussion: Mr. Dopp suggested the Board take a leadership role in promoting the benefits and amenities in regards to general aviation because aircraft movements are down. He suggested they partner with Signature Flight Support and the local Chamber of Commerce to put together a meaningful program that reaches out to the pilots. Signature is already onboard, but he has not spoken to the Chamber. Mr. Mazzei concurred and asked Mr. Dopp to move forward on this project.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sells, seconded by Mr. Sanders that the Airports Board provide Mr. Dopp with the support needed to speak to the Chamber of Commerce and move forward

with a program that reaches out to the general aviation pilots. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Mazzei, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Smetek and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Nash and Mr. Buchanan.

Mr. Wirth wanted to know the possibility of the Board members receiving identification badges for the Hilton Head Island Airport. Mr. Andres stated he would discuss this matter with the Airport's security staff.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hilton Head Island Airport 5 Year Cash Flow Projections – Paul Andres

Mr. Andres and Ms. Alicia Holland have been looking at 5 year cash flow projections for the Hilton Head Island Airport with combinations of operating and capital that can be brought forward to Finance Committee for their discussion and consideration. Once Ms. Holland has finished with the year end financial audit they hope to get a draft document out for the Board's review and discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Accommodations Tax – Will Dopp

Mr. Dopp stated the application for fire and law enforcement services in the amount of \$132,000.00 was submitted on September 28th. Even though the Town requests and receives ATAX funds for the same services, the Hilton Head Island Airport has been denied for the past two years.

2. Airport Funding Initiatives – Paul Andres

There have been no changes in the Airport funding initiatives. We are still waiting on the offsetting of subsidies provided to Mosquito Control however the budget transfers have not yet taken place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED – None

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday November 15, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:30 P.M.