

# AIRPORTS BOARD

January 17, 2013

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The Airports Board met on Thursday January 17, 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, Mike Nash, Councilman John McCann – Town of Hilton Head Island Liaison, and Councilman Stu Rodman – Beaufort County Liaison. (Absent: Ross Sanders)

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

Public: Judy Elder, Talbert & Bright; Joe Croley, Resident; Wally Wallace, Resident; Mike Peery, Signature Flight Support; Wil Hamp, Resident; Anne Esposito, Resident; Joe Zimmerman, Resident; Bob Gentzler, Resident; Fran White, Resident; Ed Tiscornia, Resident; and Bob Richardson, Resident.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sells, seconded by Mr. Buchanan that the January 17, 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. Nash AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Sanders.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Sells, seconded by Mr. Wirth that the November 15, 2012 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. Nash AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Sanders.

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Guest attendees introduced themselves. There were no comments at this time.

**AIRPORT FINANCIALS**

Ms. Holland presented the financial statements as of December 31<sup>st</sup> for both Airports and the cash flow model for the Hilton Head Island Airport. Mr. Mazzei presented and discussed the alternative analysis forecasting scenarios regarding the impact of the completion of the runway extension project associated with the Airport Master. It was discussed that additional work needs to be done to refine the scenarios. Councilman Rodman stated they would be receiving Ms. Holland's information next week at Finance Committee and they would probably discuss Mr. Mazzei's scenarios as well.

**LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Mr. Phillips reported on the fuel sales and operations for the Lady's Island Airport for November and December. Mr. McFee stated they are actively working with the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission on a grant application for ADA improvements to the bathrooms as well as an upgrade on the skylight. Mr. McFee stated there has been no change on the tree and obstruction removal at Lady's Island.

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Mr. McFee stated we are currently renewing taxi cab agreements. He stated letters have been sent to two property owners adjacent to the Airport regarding the acquisition status for the Master Plan Update. Mr. McFee stated the Memorandum of Understanding between the State Historic Preservation Office, FAA and Beaufort County has been approved for the artifact recovery program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Lady's Island Airport Operations –Pete Buchanan – No Report**
- 2. Hilton Head Island Airport Operations – Will Dopp**

Mr. Dopp stated that aircraft movements are down slightly from the same time period last year, but the passenger count is about the same as last year. Signature Flight Support's revenues are up 7% therefore the County's share has also increased. The Count's share of the revenues for Republic Parking is down slightly from this time last year.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Accommodations Tax – Joe Mazzei**

Councilman Rodman stated they are now going into the process for the 9 of 11 seats that are up reappointment on the Airports Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED**

- 1. Fran White**, St. James Baptist Church and Bay Gall, stated the guests attending the meeting at the Hilton Head Island Library were unable to hear Councilman Rodman's comments. Councilman Rodman repeated what he had said concerning reappointments to be made to the Airports Board.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – 2:30PM