

AIRPORTS BOARD

July 18, 2013

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The Airports Board met on Thursday July 18, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center. Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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

County Staff: Bryan Hill, Assistant County Administrator; Joel Phillips, Beaufort County Airport Supervisor; Larry Yeager, Hilton Head Island Chief of Operations; and Linda Wright, Administrative Assistant.

Public: Joe Croley, Resident; Mike Nash, Resident; Carl Ellington, Talbert & Bright; Judy Elder, Talbert & Bright; Bob Richardson, Resident; Jim Webb, Resident; Will Hamp, Resident; Steve Fobes, Resident; and E.C. Tiscornia, Resident.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Gilbert that the July 18, 2013 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Spain, Mr. Sells, Mr. Smetek, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Mazzei. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Smetek, seconded by Mr. Sells that the June 20, 2013 minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Spain, Mr. Sells, Mr. Smetek, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Mazzei. MOTION PASSED

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Bob Richardson, Resident – Mr. Richardson wanted to know if his questions would be answered that he asked at the last meeting concerning the terminal expansion. Mr. Buchanan stated these questions would be answered during the project update section of the meeting.

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Buchanan stated that at the last meeting he had made the suggestion of holding the Airports Board meetings every other month and asked for comments. The Board's comments were split for and against having the meeting every other month.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Sells that a recommendation be made to County Council to change the Airports Board charter to allow the Board to meet every other month. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Kerr and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – Mr. Dopp, Mr. Spain, Mr. Smetek and Mr. Gilbert. ABSTAINED – Mr. Ahern and Mr. Buchanan. ABSENT – Mr. Mazzei. MOTION FAILED.

LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT

Mr. Phillips reported on the fuel sales and operations for the Lady's Island Airport for June. He stated the numbers are down from this time last year partially due to inclement weather.

Ms. Elder stated SCE&G has until March 2014 to either lower or light the power poles in the approach. There are 4 aviation easements remaining. Ms. Elder stated that County Council approved the Master Plan on June 24th. She stated CDM Smith should be finalizing the report and the ALP drawing set which will be submitted to the FAA and SCAC for review and conditional approval.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT

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

Ms. Elder stated the church has dropped their appeal and we will be coordinating with CDM Smith to complete the mitigation. She stated that they only have 9 out of the 17 aviation easements for the off Airport project. Ms. Elder stated that for the South end of the Airport we have obtained 24 of the 25 aviation easements. She stated the Phase I Environmental Assessment is on hold until the Phase III Archaeology Report is complete which should be the end of September. Ms. Elder stated the bids for the commercial terminal renovations will be opened July 30th. She stated that in regards to the lighted sign replacement they are still waiting on a Modification of Standards from the FAA.

Ms. Elder stated the FAA issued a NOTAM stating that 3 of 4 approaches to the Hilton Head Island Airport cannot be used after the tower closes due to tree obstructions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Lady's Island Airport Operations – Graham Kerr

Mr. Kerr asked Mr. Phillips to report on the safety survey with the hangars. Mr. Phillips stated he and the local Fire Marshal will inspect the hangars for hazards. He stated that by doing this it will give the fire department an idea of what they will be up against should there be a fire in a hangar. He stated they will also be able to develop a new set of rules and regulations for the hangars which could possibly allow them to put some type of maintenance operation into the existing hangars.

2. Hilton Head Island Airport Operations – Will Dopp

Mr. Dopp stated the movements are down 9% and passenger count is down by 7% compared to last year. He stated the County received \$133,000 from Signature Flight Support. Mr. Dopp stated Republic Parking is up by 7%.

NEW BUSINESS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Smetek stated he provided copies of Dr. Wallhaus' report to the Board as well as Talbert and Bright.

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED

1. Bob Richardson – Mr. Richardson wanted to know if it is prudent to move forward with the commercial terminal renovations without the benefit cost analysis and the environmental assessment being completed as well as funding not yet being put in place to do the work.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday August 15, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:10 p.m.