

# **AIRPORTS BOARD**

**July 17, 2014**

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The Airports Board met on Thursday July 17, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center. Chairman Rich Sells called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Airports Board Members: Rich Sells, Al Spain, Will Dopp, Ron Smetek, Dan Ahern, Gregory Viventi, Graham Kerr, Anne Esposito, and Beaufort County Liaison Councilman Stu Rodman. (Absent: Carl Wedler, Derek Gilbert, and Alan Rae).

County Staff: Gary Kubic, Beaufort County Administrator; Jon Rembold, Airports Director; and Linda Wright, Administrative Assistant.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Dopp, seconded by Mr. Spain that the July 17, 2014 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Will Dopp, Ron Smetek, Dan Ahern, Gregory Viventi, Graham Kerr, and Anne Esposito. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Carl Wedler, Derek Gilbert, and Alan Rae. MOTION PASSED.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Esposito that the June 19, 2014 minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Will Dopp, Ron Smetek, Dan Ahern, Gregory Viventi, Graham Kerr, and Anne Esposito. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Carl Wedler, Derek Gilbert, and Alan Rae. MOTION PASSED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Mr. Rembold introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Sam Hoerter, who has an extensive and impressive background in aviation and is currently a pilot for ImagineAir.

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

Mr. Rembold reported on the fuel sales and operations for the Lady's Island Airport for June.

Mr. Rembold stated the projects have remained about the same with the exception that they expect to have the final signed version of the Airport Layout Plan from the FAA in the near future.

### **HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Mr. Rembold gave the tower and operations reports as well as the noise complaints for June.

Mr. Rembold stated the On-Airport Tree Plant Back project is ongoing. He stated it is past the contractor's completion date, but the contractor is still under contract to complete the work. He said there will be a progress meeting next week. Mr. Rembold stated the Off-Airport Obstruction Removal project is still ongoing. He stated the last aviation easement for the South end has been received. There are still 14 aviation easements to be received on the North end. Mr. Rembold stated the runway lighted signs will be replaced next month. He stated the Environmental Assessment is in the final review with the FAA's legal department. Once the FONSI is received then we will move forward with the design process. Mr. Smetek asked about the concern or objection from the Wildlife Services with the EA. Mr. Rembold said they only asked for an updated threatened and endangered species report which was given to them and they accepted it. Mr. Rembold stated the Phase III Archeology is getting close to completion. He also stated we are in ongoing discussions with property owners concerning land acquisition on the South end. Mr. Rembold stated the letters for land acquisition on the North end will be sent out soon.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rembold stated the restroom renovations are underway at the Lady's Island Airport.

Mr. Rembold asked for questions concerning the Work Authorizations. Mr. Dopp asked for clarification of "reimbursable expenses". Mr. Rembold stated reimbursable expenses are items such as postage, reproduction of plans, compiling reports, etc. He stated these costs are reimbursed by the client.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Viventi that the Airports Board recommend to the Finance Committee that they forward the work authorization packet to County Council for approval. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Will Dopp, Ron Smetek, Dan Ahern, Gregory Viventi, Graham Kerr, and Anne Esposito. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Carl Wedler, Derek Gilbert, and Alan Rae. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Rembold stated the artwork called "Sail" will be unveiled at the Hilton Head Island Airport on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. He stated that some additional cleaning of the Airport will be done and that Mr. Sells is obtaining volunteers to repaint the rocking chairs and side tables.

Mr. Sells read a proclamation declaring August 17 – 23, 2014 as National Aviation Week and SC Aviation Week and asked for a motion to approve the proclamation and to send it on to County Council and Hilton Head Island Town Council.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Esposito that the Airports Board approve the proclamation declaring August 17 – 23, 2014 as National Aviation Week and SC Aviation Week and that this proclamation be forwarded to County Council and the Hilton Head Island

Town Council. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Will Dopp, Ron Smetek, Dan Ahern, Gregory Viventi, Graham Kerr, and Anne Esposito. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Carl Wedler, Derek Gilbert, and Alan Rae. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Rembold stated a steering committee meeting for the aviation training facility at Lady's Island Airport was held June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rembold stated he took a trip to Charlotte at the end of June. He stated he met with our design consultants, architects, and financial consultants. He stated that on July 23<sup>rd</sup> he will be going with Mr. Kubic, Mr. Hill and Mr. Gruber to Atlanta to meet with the FAA. He said a group from Palmetto Hall and Port Royal Plantation will also attend the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

Mr. Dopp said it would be appropriate for the Board to receive a copy of the approved FY-15 budget. Mr. Viventi said he would check into this matter.

Mr. Kubic informed the Board that he had completed a 6 month performance review of Mr. Rembold. He stated everyone is satisfied and Mr. Rembold's performance is exemplary.

Mr. Kubic thanked Councilman Rodman and the remainder of County Council for passing that portion of the General Obligation (GO) Bond that deals with the Airport projects. He stated that this passage is an indicator to the FAA and everyone else that those projects do have local funding. He stated Ms. Holland will find a finance company to put it together.

Mr. Kubic stated he is looking forward to a positive outcome of the FAA meeting next week. He stated that for the benefit of the Palmetto Hall residents there is \$500,000.00 in the GO Bond for the development of a sound barrier wall. He stated he is working with Mr. Riley, Hilton Head Island Town Manager, to develop an Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into between the Town of Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County and Palmetto Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED – None**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday August 21, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

**ADJOURNMENT – 2:10 PM**