

# **AIRPORTS BOARD**

**November 20, 2014**

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The Airports Board met on Thursday November 20, 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, Gregory Viventi, Ron Smetek, Will Dopp, Alan Rae, Dan Ahern, Graham Kerr, Derek Gilbert, and Anne Esposito. (Absent: Carl Wedler, Town of Hilton Head Island Liaison Councilman John McCann, and Beaufort County Liaison Councilman Stu Rodman).

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director and Renee' Ford, Administrative Assistant.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Mr. Rembold introduced the new Hilton Head Airport administrative assistant, Renee' Ford. Renee' replaced Linda Wright, who retired November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Esposito that the November 20, 2014 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Ron Smetek, Will Dopp, Alan Rae, Dan Ahern, Derek Gilbert, Graham Kerr, Anne Esposito and Gregory Viventi. AGAINST – None. ABSENT:, Carl Wedler. MOTION PASSED.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Esposito that the October 16, 2014 minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Ron Smetek, Alan Rae, Dan Ahern, Derek Gilbert, Anne Esposito, Will Dopp, Graham Kerr, and Gregory Vivent. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Carl Wedler. MOTION PASSED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

## **CHAIRMAN NOTE:**

Mr. Sells stated Hilton Head is not online. Scott Grooms expects them to be online by the February meeting.

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

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

Mr. Rembold stated the updated tree survey is being finalized. The former survey had expired. Mr. Spain asked if a date has been set for the retrial for Runway 07 tree obstruction project which ended in a mistrial. Mr. Rembold didn't know if another was set.

Mr. Rae asked about the terminal repairs for Lady's Island airport. Specifically, the restrooms, painting, leak in sky light. Mr. Rembold is working on the scope of things to be done. There is no funding due to these projects were not funded in the past. Mr. Kerr asked if anyone has looked into the leak in the skylight, which has resulted in deterioration of paint. Mr. Rembold stated no one has determined the scope of the repair. Assure repairs can be done by maintenance. Mr. Kerr volunteered to assist.

Mr. Rembold stated he would be briefing the Rotary Club on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Primarily on Lady's Island airport and aerospace; invited the board to attend.

## **HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Mr. Rembold gave the tower and operations reports for October.

Mr. Rembold stated fuel sales were up. Closed down the runway; due to aircraft wheels up incident. Lost three commercial flights; looking into ways of regaining revenue due to being closed.

Mr. Rembold stated we are on change order No. 2 for Runway 21; met with the Town of Hilton Head to reduce the scope. The Town of Hilton Head and FAA both approved the new scope. Mr. Smetek requested a copy of the new change order.

Mr. Rembold and Ms. Elder met with most of the last few property owners for Runway 21 on the North end regarding the avigation easements; positive feedback. PAPI OCS on runway 03 five trees cleared. Mr. Sells asked what the delay was from FAA. Mr. Rembold stated FAA needs to "fly over" and give their assessment. This takes 3-4 months.

Mr. Rembold stated the lighted sign project is underway and should be complete shortly. He also stated the websites for the Mitchelville Archeology Data Recovery and Public Outreach program is completed. It's on the county website and the exhibit will be moved to Columbia in February 2015 until July 2015. Mr. Rembold stated the land acquisition easements for Runway 03 are progressing well. Taxiway A relocation and replacement ramp design is 60% completed; awaiting FAA comments. Taxiway F realignment design is 40% completed.

Mr. Rembold stated the Runway 21 land acquisition for appraisals are underway; as well as Runway 03/21 extension is underway. The survey for tree removal between ATCT and GA

ramp is complete; design is underway. The environmental assessment for Runway 03 tree removal project is underway.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Met with the new executive director of Hilton Head Island Economic Development Corporation. He comes from the Piedmont area. He will be a good ally.

Mr. Rembold sat on a panel with Mr. Greg Kelly, executive director of Savannah airport. Spoke with the Leadership class of 2015. Shared benefits of aerospace industry in South Carolina and how the growth of the airport will provide economic development.

Sheriff office got a new helicopter; currently being housed at Lady's Island airport in the old fire station, bay area.

Board has a copy of the acceptance letter from FAA with benefit cost analysis. Mr. Smetek requested an electronic copy of the benefit cost analysis.

### **NEW BUSINESS – 2016 – 2020 CIP LISTS**

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Rembold had a daylong meeting with FAA and developed 2016 - 2020 CIP lists. Mr. Rembold requested a motion to be made for the board to forward CIP lists to the Finance committee before their December meeting.

**Motion: It was moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Ms. Esposito that the board forward the 2016-2020 CIP lists to the Finance Committee. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Ron Smetek, Alan Rae, Dan Ahern, Derek Gilbert, Anne Esposito, Will Dopp, Graham Kerr, and Gregory Viventi. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Carl Wedler. MOTION PASSED.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – BCA ACCEPTANCE LETTER RECEIVED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED – None**

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mr. Sells asked for a motion to cancel the December meeting.

**Motion: It was moved by Mr. Dopp, seconded by Mr. Viventi that the December meeting be cancelled and the next meeting of the Airports Board be held January 15, 2015. FOR – Mr. Sells, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Viventi, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Spain, Mr. Smetek, Mr. Gilbert, Ms. Esposito and Mr. Rae. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Mr. Wedler. MOTION PASSED.**

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday January 15, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

**ADJOURNMENT – 2:07 PM**