

AIRPORTS BOARD

January 15, 2015

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The Airports Board met on Thursday January 15, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Hilton Head Island Town Hall. 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, Graham Kerr, Derek Gilbert, Anne Esposito, (Absent: Dan Ahern, Carl Wedler and Beaufort County Liaison Councilman Stu Rodman).

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Renee' Ford, Administrative Assistant; Councilman John McCann, Town of Hilton Head Island Liaison; County Councilman, Steve Fobes and County Councilwoman, Cynthia Bensch.

Public: Judy Elder, Talbert & Bright; Leslie Adlam, Resident; Joe Zimmerman, Resident, and Jim Webb, Resident.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Smetek, seconded by Ms. Esposito that the January 15, 2015 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Al Spain, Ron Smetek, Will Dopp, Alan Rae, Derek Gilbert, Graham Kerr, Anne Esposito and Gregory Viventi. AGAINST – None. ABSENT:, Dan Ahern and Carl Wedler. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Rembold stated Mr. Al Spain and Mr. Carl Wedler both resigned. Mr. Rembold thanked both for their services.

LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT

Mr. Rembold reported on the fuel sales and operations for the Lady's Island Airport for November and December. He stated the lower numbers were due largely to the weather. However, we consistently go up compare to previous years' numbers.

Mr. Rembold stated the aerial survey/photography was completed.

Mr. Rae asked about the terminal repairs for Lady's Island airport. Specifically, the restrooms, painting, leak in sky light. Mr. Rembold stated, Mr. Joel Philips met with Public Facilities and they will work on the repairs. Mr. Rae reiterated, some board members volunteered to assist.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT

Mr. Rembold gave the tower and operations reports for November and December. November numbers were up; December numbers were down due to several days of bad weather.

Mr. Rae requested for the board to receive backup, cumulative, data on the fuel sales.

Mr. Rembold stated the final inspection for Rwy 21 Tree mitigation will take place on January 16, 2015.

Mr. Rembold reported there are two properties remaining regarding the avigation easements for Runway 21 on the North end; St. James Baptist Church and Palmetto Hall.

Mr. Rembold stated the lighted sign project is 95% complete; few signs on back order due to FAA design changes. Mr. Rembold stated the extension for Runway 03 is progressing well; waiting on attorneys to complete environmental assessment. Taxiway A relocation and replacement ramp design is 65% completed; awaiting data from drainage design. Taxiway F realignment design is 40% completed. Master drainage plan design is 45% complete.

Mr. Rembold stated the Runway 03 land acquisitions are completed and properties will be vacated by March.

The design of the tree removal between ATCT and GA ramp is 65% complete. The environmental assessment for Runway 03 tree removal draft was submitted to FAA on December 11, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rembold met with the Chamber of Commerce regarding marketing HXD. He also spoke to the Beaufort Rotary club and gave a presentation on HXD. He also provided an update to the

Government Affairs Committee of the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce. The audiences were very receptive.

Mr. Rembold greeted County Councilman, Mr. Steve Fobes and County Councilwoman, Ms. Cynthia Bensch.

CFO, Alicia Holland, will be attending the board next meeting to give a mid-year report. Mr. Smetek asked if the board could get a copy of the report prior to the next meeting. Mr. Rembold will have financial report to the board before next meeting for their review.

Mr. Rembold briefed the board on HXD collaborating with the Concourse Motoring event in October 2015. There will be a VIP event on Friday evening using the HXD hangar facilities. Saturday will be showcasing vintage cars and vintage aircrafts. A shuttle will be available for the public.

There will be an air day/open house in the Fall at ARW.

Mr. Rembold has HXD in the Chamber of Commerce vacation section as a paid advertisement. He would like a board member to write an informational article on the airport to submit to the Chamber of Commerce so they could publish it in their newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED –

Ms. Dorothy Scanlon, resident of Hilton Head Island, stated a number of questions were formally submitted in April 2014 at the public hearing. The citizens have not received a response and were wondering when will their questions be answered? Mr. Rembold stated all questions from the public have been categorized and grouped and are in the Environmental Assessment, which is a public document. After, much discussion, Chairman Sells and Mr. Rembold will review the protocol and respond back to the board.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday February 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:05 PM