

# AIRPORTS BOARD

May 19, 2016

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The Airports Board met on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Town of Hilton Head Island. Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Airports Board Members: Rich Sells, Jim Buckley, Dan Ahern, Wally Wallace, Will Dopp, Anne Esposito and Gerry Costa (Absent: Greg Viventi, Leslie Adlam and Blakely Williams).

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Renee' Ford, Administrative Assistant; Thomas Keavney, Beaufort County Attorney; Rick Caporale, County Councilman.

Public: Judy Elder - Talbert, Bright and Ellington; Residents: Howard Ackerman, Jerry Burris, Jerry Burns, Joe Zimmerman; Signature Flight Support – Chip French and Mike Peery; Chet Williams – Chester C. Williams Law Office.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Dopp, seconded by Ms. Eposito that the May 19, 2016 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Jim Buckley, Dan Ahern, Wally Wallace, Will Dopp, Anne Esposito and Gerry Costa. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Greg Viventi, Leslie Adlam and Blakely Williams. MOTION PASSED.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Esposito, seconded by Mr. Ahern that the April 21, 2016 minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Jim Buckley, Dan Ahern, Wally Wallace, Will Dopp, Anne Esposito and Gerry Costa. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Greg Viventi, Leslie Adlam and Blakely Williams. MOTION PASSED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mr. Howard Ackerman, resident of Hilton Head Island and hangar tenant. Mr. Ackerman provided photos of poor landscape maintenance near hangar B12. There has been a lack of maintenance for the past two years. Mr. Ackerman expressed concern of the potential danger the debris could cause.

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

Mr. Rembold reported on the fuel sales and operations for the Lady's Island Airport for April 2016.

## **HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Mr. Rembold gave the fuel sales, tower and operations reports for April 2016. Mr. Sells inquired about the two in flight emergency landing. Mr. Rembold reported they were due to mechanical alerts and the drugs seized at check point were due to confiscating "recreational illegal drugs".

## **PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE**

### **LADY'S ISLAND PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Rembold provided project updates on RWY 7 on Lady's Island. The Environmental Assessment is in review with the FAA. No comments or questions.

### **HILTON HEAD PROJECT UPDATE**

**RWY 21 Obstruction Removal** - Mr. Rembold showed several pictures of RWY 21 tree removal at Fort Howell; approximately 75% completed.

Pictures of TWY A + Ramp Replacement – Mr. Rembold gave an updated status on TWY A ramp replacement. Project is coming along as scheduled. Mr. Dopp asked once the ramp was completed would there be more tie-downs. Mr. Rembold confirmed with Mr. French, Signature Flight Support, that there will no increase in additional ramp tie-downs.

**RUNWAY 03/21 EXTENSION** – Drainage Bid is scheduled for June 2016; apply for grant mid-to-end of summer. If we receive funding early, will be able to award contract and start construction. This will allow us to start the drainage project on the west side of airport. We do accept some off-site drainage on to the airport. It is treated before released. We will have underground chambers to treat the storm water as it travels through the airfield.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Chief Financial Officer, presented a preliminary account thru March 31<sup>st</sup>, (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) 2016 for both airports. Ms. Holland reviewed **Lady's Island** first; revenue at 68% and expenses 63%. In the non-operating revenue (expenses), expenses exceed revenue due to non funded expenses which will be funded by grants later.

**Hilton Head Island Airport**, revenues is slightly less compare to FY15, due mostly to weather that cause disruption on flights. Expenses are at 97% which includes a \$500,000 expense, an agreement County Council approved, to make payment to Palmetto Hall Plantation in partnership with the Town of Hilton Head. Mr. Sells asked if the funds get reimbursed by the FAA, Ms. Holland response was, no it does not; it was not appropriated.

Ms. Holland clarified FAA grants receivables are not recorded until they cleared the County account.

Mr. Rembold provided a draft FY 2017 budget. It was recommended a few board members to represent each airport to meet with the director to discuss details and develop the final numbers.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rembold reported Hilton Head Island Airport maintenance received two new/used trucks from transportation department. The old truck will be used as a backup for ARFF.

**SEC-AAAE Conference** – Mr. Rembold attended the SEC-AAAE Conference, Greenville, SC. It was a good educational conference; a good opportunity to meet other airport directors; learn and trade ideas.

**FAA Atlanta** – Mr. Rembold, County Administrator and Deputy Administrator went to the Atlanta FAA office. Discussed project list and funding. Funding determines when projects will begin.

**June BCAB Meeting** – Mr. Rembold will be on leave for the June board meeting. The board voted unanimously to cancel the June 16, 2016 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 2016, Beaufort County Government Building, County Council Chambers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - No action from Executive Session

**ADJOURNMENT** – 2:20 PM