

# AIRPORTS BOARD

August 18, 2016

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The Airports Board met on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Town of Hilton Head. Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Renee' Ford, Administrative Assistant; Alicia Holland (CFO) and Linda Maietta, Finance.

Public: Judy Elder - Talbert, Bright and Ellington; Mike French and Mike Peery – Signature Flight Support; and James Fisher - resident.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Dopp, seconded by Mr. Buckley that the August 18, 2016 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Jim Buckley, Greg Viventi, Wally Wallace, Will Dopp, Anne Esposito and Leslie Adlam. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Blakely Williams, Dan Ahern, and Gerry Costa. MOTION PASSED.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Mr. James Fisher, Port Royal Plantation resident, expressed his concerns regarding the variance as it relates to the reduction of the buffer on Summit Drive and the requirement for mitigation planting.

## **AIRPORTS FINANCIALS**

Alicia Holland, Beaufort County Chief Financial Officer, briefed the board on FY2016 preliminary year ending results for Lady's Island Airport and Hilton Head Island Airport financial report. **Mr. Sells** asked if the \$500,000 is reimbursed by the FAA? Ms. Holland stated

no, it is not reimbursed by the FAA. This was an unappropriated payment made between Beaufort County, Town of Hilton Head and Palmetto Hall. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in December 2015. Mr. Rembold indicated the funds are in an escrow with the Town of Hilton Head and the funds are drawn from that account.

**Mr. Dopp** asked if the board will see the a financial summary quarterly. Ms. Holland stated she will publish a quarterly summary on the county website and provide copies for the board.

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

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

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

Mr. Rembold gave the fuel sales, tower and operations reports for July 2016.

Mr. Rembold reported, SCAC is conducting a study about the economic impact of the airports in South Carolina. They will assess each airport within the state commercial and general aviation airports. There will be an individual report for each airport and its economic impact; as well as a collective summary of the economic impact of the airports throughout the state. Once the report is completed, Mr. Rembold will make it available to the board and to the public.

**Mr. Sells** asked if ARW and HXD Ops/stats reports could be shown during the meeting for the public. Mr. Rembold stated we will present documents during the meeting for the public.

Mr. Rembold distributed an article regarding the State revenue shortfall. In summary, the cuts hit the Aeronautics Commission the hardest. State funds are 5% of our grants for airport development which potentially will be impacted. Mr. Rembold asked the board to respond to the controller the economy impact our Airports have in South Carolina. An example, is the direct and indirect economic impact from Hilton Head airport has during the Heritage; it's approximately \$81.8 million dollars annually.

**Mr. Dopp** asked if the County will be making a statement in response to the article. Mr. Rembold stated he was not aware of the County making a statement at this time.

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE**

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

Mr. Rembold discussed Lady's Island **RWY 7 Obstruction Removal**. Will be executing tree removal project soon; waiting on final easements.

Mr. Rembold discussed Lady's Island **RWY 7 Safety Area and Parallel Environmental Assessment**. The Environmental Assessment is completed; available for public review at the Beaufort Branch library and airport. Public hearing will take place August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM in the Lady's Island conference room. Board members are welcomed to attend.

## **HILTON HEAD PROJECT UPDATE**

**RUNWAY 03/21 TREE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL** - Mr. Rembold stated Tree Obstruction Removal project is almost completed. Coordinating with the project arborist to get the mitigation plans underway.

St. James Baptist Church is the last property for the tree approach project; ongoing discussions continues with the church, the Town and County officials.

**TAXIWAY A AND GA RAMP REPLACEMENT** - Mr. Rembold reported the project is approximately 55% complete; ramp replacement and RTR relocation is complete.

**RUNWAY 03/21 EXTENSION** – RWY 21 Drainage opening bid is August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016; working with the FAA on funding schedule to determine the final timeline for the construction project.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Airport Advertising** – Departure Media has begun their transition; they will handle both airports. They were able to obtain previous companies and acquire new businesses; getting involved with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. **Mr. Buckley** asked if their responsibilities include marketing the airport outside the community. Mr. Rembold responded by stating Departure Media is only responsible for the inside of the terminal. **Mr. Buckley** asked if we've had a noticeable impact with the ads the airport has placed in other magazines? Mr. Rembold stated it's hard to tell we don't have a direct way to find out.

Mr. Rembold stated **Hilton Head Part 139** inspection will be at August 24-26.

Mr. Rembold stated **project updates** are available on Hilton Head Island Airport website; [www.hiltonheadairport.com](http://www.hiltonheadairport.com).

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday, September 15, 2016, Beaufort County Government Building, County Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 2:05 PM