

AIRPORTS BOARD

January 19, 2017

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The Airports Board met on Thursday, January 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, Beaufort County Government Building. Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Renee' Ford, Administrative Assistant; Steve Fobes, County Councilman, and resident, Howard Ackerman.

Public: Judy Elder - Talbert, Bright and Ellington

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sells, seconded by Mr. Dopp that the December 1, 2016 meeting minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Rich Sells, Lex Brown, Jim Buckley, Dan Ahern, Greg Viventi, Wally Wallace, Will Dopp, Leslie Blakely Williams and Leslie Adlam. AGAINST – None. ABSENT: Anne Esposito and Gerry Costa. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATES

LADY'S ISLAND PROJECT UPDATE

RWY07 TREE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL - no changes from previous month; anticipating Spring 2017 to begin the tree project.

RWY07/RWY SAFETY AREA AND PARALLEL TWY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – no changes from previous month; awaiting signature of the environmental assessment documents from FAA.

LIPMAN PRODUCE UPDATE – easement agreement is signed and in effect; 10 years agreement with two 5 year options.

HURRICANE AFTERMATH UPDATE – floodwater caused airfield lighting damage; toured the site with county facility manager and FEMA, as a result, airfield lighting needs to be replaced and brought up to standard. Submitted damage to the insurance company, if denied will submit to FEMA, which will cover 75% of cost. Updates would include new wiring, new fixtures on runway, taxiway and electrical regulators. Mr. Chairman stated only basic runway lights are working, issued NOTAMs.

HILTON HEAD PROJECT UPDATE

RELOCATE TWY ‘A’ AND GA RAMP REPLACEMENT - Project completion expected to be completed within the next 30 days. Taxiway A should be completed in time for the Heritage.

RUNWAY 03/21 EXTENSION – Mr. Rembold stated Quality Enterprises would begin construction by end of January; projected completion September 2017. This will complete North end extension and drainage facility (west side of RWY).

Single source contractor for the **EMAS** project. **RWY 3 Extension** in the process of acquiring necessary property with the property owner. TB&E will provide project schedule.

ARFF – Kudos to Chief Yeager for keeping superb training records; his training records requested to be used as a template for another Part 139 airport. Congrats!

BEACH CITY RD PROPERTY ACQUISITION SETTLEMENT – The County settled with a previous property owner (Print shop) on Beach City Road.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rembold, County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator met with the FAA, Atlanta. Reviewed CIP list and ongoing projects; received positive feedback

County Council Member In brief – County Council has two new members, Michael Covert – District 7 (Bluffton) and York Glover – District 3 (Beaufort/LI). Mr. Rembold briefed them on both airports and extended invitation to visit the airports for a tour.

Completed closing Grant 33 (Mitchelville); working on Grant 34.

Mr. Rembold attended **Ridgeland Airport Groundbreaking Ceremony**. The airport is for general aviation only, runway length 4200 ft.

NEW BUSINESS

Air Service Development Committee – Mr. Rembold asked the board to form an air service development committee to assist in forming partnerships to promote the airports.

Budget Committees for ARW & HXD – Mr. Rembold requested two representatives from the board (2 north of the Broad and 2 south of the Broad) for each airport. Will start budget process in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Wallace signed and mailed letter to SC Aeronautics Commission regarding funding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2017, 1:30pm, Beaufort County Government Building, County Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:03 PM