

AIRPORTS BOARD

March 16, 2017

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The Airports Board met on Thursday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, Beaufort County Government Building. Vice-Chairman Viventi 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, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam, Blakely Williams and Howard Ackerman (Absent: Wally Wallace and Gerry Costa).

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Renee' Ford, Administrative Assistant
Public: Judy Elder - Talbert, Bright and Ellington

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sells seconded by Mr. Buckley that the February 16, 2016 meeting minutes be approved. The vote was FOR – Rich Sells, Lex Brown, Jim Buckley, Dan Ahern, Greg Viventi, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam, Blakely Williams and Howard Ackerman. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Wally Wallace, 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.

PHASE I Projects EA - FONSI – FONSI signed and received.

HURRICANE RECOVERY UPDATE – Pilots lounge has been re-painted, carpeted etc. Tenants will receive notification to empty hangars for “deep clean” to remove remnants of salt water.

Mr. Rembold requested the board to contact their county council representative to approve “emergency” funding to complete necessary projects. Either the insurance company or FEMA will reimburse funding.

NEIGHBORING CONSTRUCTION – Super Walmart complex will be opening soon, security concerns are being addressed. Looking at getting keypad gates.

LINEMAN VACANCY – Lady’s Island has a Lineman position available.

HILTON HEAD PROJECT UPDATE

RELOCATE TWY ‘A’ AND GA RAMP REPLACEMENT – TWY A completed and back in service. Beaufort County issued a press release announcing completion.

RUNWAY 03/21 EXTENSION – Mr. Rembold stated construction has begun; working around commercial airline schedule, mostly nighttime ops.

RWY 3 Extension - no change since last meeting. In the process of acquiring necessary property with the property owner. Awaiting approval from FAA due to design issue. Once approved bidding will begin. TB&E will provide project schedule.

BUDGET – Met with Mr. Viventi and Mrs. Adlam, more info to be presented in April.

PART 139 LIVE BURN DRILL - Mr. Rembold reported on March 24th , we will have our Part 139 Live Burn Drill required qualification for our fire fighters. The live burn drill happens every three years. Chief Yeager has coordinated with the Marines, Hilton Head Fire and Rescue, hospital and all law enforcement agencies to participate in the drill.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Meeting with American Airlines - Mr. Rembold met with American Airline rep to update current contract. Dash-8 100’s will be replaced with 300’s by summer 2017.

DC Legislative Trip – Mr. Rembold reported he would be going to Washington, DC to meet with state officials to advocate on behalf of the airport. The important issues are increase FAA re-authorization bill, increase in PFCs, privatization issues on control tower and TSA law enforcement bill.

Hurricane Preparedness meeting – yearly meeting with Emergency Management for current year preparedness.

St. James Church Meeting – The FAA, SCAC, St. James representatives joined the County Administrator and Airports Director and had a fruitful discussion; everyone closer to the same page. Property contains the last 23 trees to be cut/trimmed for the RWY 21 project.

RBC Heritage Ground Operations Plan – worked with the FAA and Signature Flight support; will close a portion of TWY A to provide adequate aircraft parking, Sunday, 16 April.

Goals of the BCAB – Mr. Rembold reviewed goals of the board. Mr. Rembold defined “undue subsidies”. As a result, the board decided to make a motion to petition to county council for emergency funds for Lady’s Island airport to ensure safe and secure airport facility.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sells seconded by Ms. Esposito to petition county council for emergency funds for Lady’s Island Airport The vote was FOR – Rich Sells, Lex Brown, Jim

Buckley, Dan Ahern, Greg Viventi, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam, Blakely Williams and Howard Ackerman. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Wally Wallace, and Gerry Costa.

MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Uber Operating Agreement – Mr. Rembold will have a phone conference with Mr. Black, TNC rep, to discuss contract. Should have an executed contract by next month.

Air Service Development Committee – Rich Sells, lead; Greg Viventi, Jim Buckley, Anne Esposito and Leslie Adlam. In the first phrase looking into defining the future of Hilton Head Island Airport. Reaching out into the community for committee membership.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Vice-chairman, Mr. Viventi, introduced & welcomed Mr. Howard Ackerman as a new board member.

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday, April 20 2017, 1:30pm, Town of Hilton Head Island, Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:15 PM