

# AIRPORTS BOARD

November 16, 2017

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The Airports Board met on Thursday, November 16, at 1:30 p.m. at Beaufort County Government Building, County Council Chambers. Chairman Sells called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ATTENDANCE

Airports Board Members: Rich Sells, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam, Blakely Williams, Greg Viventi, Jim Buckley, Howard Ackerman and Barry Wilbur (Absent: Lex Brown, Dan Ahern and Wally Wallace)

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Renee' M. Ford, Airports Administrative Assistant; Stu Rodman, County Council. Public: Judy Elder - Talbert, Bright and Ellington; Mike Peery, Signature; James Atkins and Don Sanders, Beaufort Aviation Association.

## MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Esposito seconded by Ms. Adlam that the October 19, 2017 meeting minutes be approved. The vote was FOR – Rich Sells, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam, Blakely Williams, Greg Viventi, Jim Buckley, Howard Ackerman and Barry Wilbur. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Lex Brown, Dan Ahern and Wally Wallace. MOTION PASSED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – James Atkins and Don Sanders **Beaufort Aviation Association.** Summarized the association purpose – introduce the youth to the aviation field through the Young Eagle program; educate on safety; improvements at the airport (the association installed a much needed flag pole at ARW), & help raise popularity of the airport to the public.

## AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATES

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

### **RW 7 OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT:**

Mr. Rembold stated the contractor received Notice to Proceed; contractor will start January 2018. Timeline is 60 days

**AIRFIELD ELECTRICAL/LIGHTING** – Mr. Rembold stated, FAA has approved grant for replacements of the electrical & lighting for 2018.

**Charts were displayed for AvGas, Jet A sales and aircraft operations. It was noted, the counters were inoperable due to hurricane Irma; September & October numbers were unavailable.**

## **HILTON HEAD PROJECT UPDATE**

**Exterior Steel on Terminal** – Mr. Rembold stated phase two (2) of improvements at Hilton Head Island Airport; steel in front entrance area, was completed.

**Project Focus** – Mr. Rembold met with the architect to discuss the demolition of 154 Beach City Road; Work on TW F to be shifted so the focus will be on TW A and the runway itself.

**154 Beach City Rd Rezoning** – The Town has filed for rezoning of the parcel in order that its use as an airport use complies with the LMO. Town Council will review the request 12/5/17.

**RW21 PROJECT UPDATE** – Mr. Rembold stated RWY21 and TWY A will be paved in early December; daytime closures will be necessary. Tentatively scheduled for the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>; schedule is weather dependent. Project will take 4 to 5 working days to complete.

**ACTION** – **Airport Administration office will draft notice of daytime closures to hangar tenants.**

**EMAS Installation** – to begin in January 2018.

**RW3 PROJECT UPDATE** – Notice to Proceed was issued; contractor will start December 4<sup>th</sup>. **Property acquisitions** is underway. **The Localizer/DME** - will be removed and a new one installed. Piedmont/American Eagle relies on the Localizer/DME; the Airport will work closely with Piedmont; Piedmont potentially may change flight schedule.

**Charts displayed for AvGas, Jet A sales, Total Aircraft Operations and Enplanements/Deplanements.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**ATAX** - Mr. Rembold stated the ATAX committee recommended, “No funding” for the Airport entrance project. Per the committee’s understanding of the state qualifications, our project was not eligible for ATAX funding.

**Aero Expo** – Mr. Rembold gave “kudos” to Mike Peery and Signature staff for their hard work and efforts in making the Aero Expo a success.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FAA Capital Improvement Projects Lists**

**BACKGROUND**, BCAB reviewed the Capital Improvement Program listings for ARW and HXD prior to the meeting. The CIP lists projects the airports and FAA are planning for the next five (5) years; Mr. Rembold explained each column: FAA Share (90%), Entitlement Funds, Discretionary Funds, State Share (5%) & Local Share (5%). Mr. Rembold asked the board for a recommendation to forward the CIP listings to County Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Beaufort County Airports Board recommended that Beaufort County Council approve the Capital Improvement Projects list for Beaufort County Airport (ARW) and Hilton Head Island Airport (HXD).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The issue of privatization of air traffic control (ATC) was briefly discussed. The airport has not taken a formal position on the issue. Mr. Rembold stated the Airport's desire was for the airport to have sound, reliable, safe control. FAA controls the ATC; there is a bill to privatize ATC. Mr. Rembold suggested the board discuss and compose letters to their congressional delegates if they so choose.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Chairman Sells asked for a motion to cancel the December 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

**Motion:** It was moved by Ms. Esposito and seconded by Mr. Viventi to cancel the December BCAB meeting. The vote was FOR – Rich Sells, Anne Esposito, Leslie Adlam, Blakely Williams, Greg Viventi, Jim Buckley, Howard Ackerman and Barry Wilbur. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Lex Brown, Dan Ahern and Wally Wallace. **MOTION PASSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – 2:33 PM