

AIRPORTS BOARD

February 15, 2018

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The Airports Board met on Thursday, February 15, 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, Dan Ahern, Leslie Adlam Flory, Jim Buckley, Lex Brown, Howard Ackerman, Blakely Williams and Wally Wallace (Absent: Anne Esposito and Barry Wilbur)

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Renee' M. Ford, Airports Administrative Assistant

Public: Judy Elder - Talbert, Bright and Ellington; Mike Peery – Signature Flight Support

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Ackerman and seconded by Mr. Buckley that the January 18, 2018 meeting minutes be approved. The vote was FOR – Rich Sells, Dan Ahern, Wally Wallace, Leslie Adlam Flory, Jim Buckley, Lex Brown, Blakely Williams and Howard Ackerman. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Barry Wilbur and Anne Esposito.

MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATES

LADY'S ISLAND PROJECT UPDATE

RW 7 OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT:

Mr. Rembold stated the contractor field work started February 2018. Timeline is 60 days. Two properties in legal dispute.

WORK AUTHORIZATION – Finance committee and County council approved the airfield electrical project work authorization.

Charts were displayed for AvGas, Jet A sales and aircraft operations. It was noted, the counters were inoperable due to hurricane Irma; September 2017 – January 2018 numbers were unavailable.

HILTON HEAD PROJECT UPDATE

AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT – Reps from Piedmont and TSA transport security manager met with Mr. Rembold to discuss modification to the HXD terminal to accommodate TSA and Piedmont personnel once the runway is completed and larger aircrafts arrive.

AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING – Mr. Rembold stated four (4) consulting firms were interviewed and evaluated. The evaluation committee recommends entering into negotiations with the highest-ranking firm with the intent of signing a contract for services and requested the BCAB endorse this plan. Mr. Rembold asked the board to endorse the recommendation.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Ackerman and seconded by Mr. Buckley the evaluation committee move forward with negotiations. The vote was FOR – Rich Sells, Dan Ahern, Wally Wallace, Leslie Adlam Flory, Jim Buckley, Lex Brown, Blakely Williams and Howard Ackerman. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Barry Wilbur and Anne Esposito.

MOTION PASSED.

AIRLINE LOGISTICS COORDINATION – Mr. Rembold stated with the change in aircraft HXD terminal will modify seating in the sterile area; add x-ray luggage machine for TSA which will require changes in the lobby; changing the airline podiums. These changes will assist in accommodating additional passengers. It was noted, the aircraft will hold 70 – 75 passengers with three (3) flights per day.

St. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH – Tree removal will commence in March; county is using the same arborist for both projects. Ongoing discussions with the church regarding the runway protection zone. FAA would be in favor of a concept to relocate church for safety, subject to negotiations.

Runway Extension Area Prepared for Asphalt – The asphalt project is expected to begin in the next few weeks depending on weather. **EMAS installation will follow the completion of the asphalt.**

RW3 PROJECT UPDATE –The property acquisitions are completed.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Session with Consultants – Mr. Rembold met with airports consultants to discuss current projects and future projects. Transitioning to regional jets. The interim projects include terminal renovation, add additional seating in the sterile area.

FAA Atlanta – Mr. Rembold met with the regional staff regarding CIP list; FAA has made changes to the CIP list.

Presented to Beaufort Aviation Association “Airports 101” – Mr. Rembold presented an overview of the function of an airport. This gives the BAA board members a better understanding of the operation of an airport/aviation.

SCAA Conference – Mr. Rembold attended the SCAA on Isle of Palms. Mr. Wally Wallace, BCAB member attended the conference as well. HXD was singled out for the vast

improvements in the past two (2) years. Mr. Rembold revealed the HXD logo that was displayed at the conference and a chart depicting the HXD and County airport economic impact.

Beaufort County School District Teaming - CATE. CATE - Career and Technical Education Beaufort county schools are developing/implementing classes for students interested in aviation, engineering and drones.

Meeting with Public Art Chairman – Mr. Rembold met with Michael Marks, chairman of Community Foundation Public Arts; with the contributions from Town of Hilton Head and County Council display art at the entrance of HXD.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL BUDGETS - WORKSHOPS – Workshop consist of members from North of the Broad and South of the Broad. Based on feedback, Mr. Rembold will put together a budget. Meeting with interim County Administrator is March 2nd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held March 15, 2018, 1:30pm, Town of Hilton Head, Council Chamber.

NOTE: The March meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held April 19, 2018, at 1:30pm, Beaufort County Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:15 PM