

# MINUTES

## Beaufort County Airports Board

*January 16, 2020 | 1:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Ackerman*

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### In Attendance

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Howard Ackerman, Dan Ahern, James Buckley, Barry Wilbur, Leslie Adlam Flory, Trey Ambrose, Brian Turrisi, Anne Esposito, Blakely Williams, Chris Butler and Mark Bailey.

Absent: None.

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Elena Milbrandt, Airports Administrative Assistant; Stewart Rodman - Chairman Beaufort County Council.

Public: Glenn Stanford – Town of Hilton Head Island Council Member; David Ames - Town Council liaison to Airports Board ; Judy Elder – Talbert, Bright and Ellington, Inc.

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### Approval of Agenda

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Motion: It was moved by Mr. Wilbur and seconded by Ms. Esposito that the Agenda be adopted. The vote was FOR – Howard Ackerman, Leslie Adlam Flory, James Buckley, Brian Turrisi, Barry Wilbur, Dan Ahern, Trey Ambrose, Chris Butler, Blakely Williams, Anne Esposito and Mark Bailey.

AGAINST – None. ABSENT – None.

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### Approval of Minutes

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Motion: It was moved by Mr. Turrisi and seconded by Ms. Adlam Flory that the November 17, 2019 meeting minutes be approved. The vote was FOR – Howard Ackerman, Brian Turrisi, James Buckley, Barry Wilbur, Leslie Adlam Flory, Dan Ahern, Trey Ambrose, Chris Butler, Blakely Williams, Anne Esposito and Mark Bailey.

AGAINST – None. ABSENT – None.

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### Public Comments

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Mr. Glenn Stanford's Public Comments regarding noise abatement concerns were presented.

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### Director's Report - Beaufort County Airport Project Update

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- ❖ Personnel: Due to personal reasons, Joel Phillips, Beaufort County Airport Supervisor, will be relocating to upstate South Carolina in early February. We wish him all the best for the future.
- ❖ Beaufort County Airport New Website: [www.beaufortcountyairport.com/](http://www.beaufortcountyairport.com/) to be launched in February 2020. More details to follow.

Charts were previously submitted for AvGas, Jet A sales and aircraft operations.

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## Director's Report – Hilton Head Island Airport Project Update

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- ❖ Personnel: Chief Larry Yeager is retiring on January 31, 2020 after 26 years of faithful and dedicated service. We wish him a well-deserved retirement.
- ❖ HXD Terminal Area Improvements Environmental Assessment December 2019 is available for public review and comment until February 15, 2020 at the Beaufort County Library. The public is invited to attend the Beaufort County Library (HHI branch) meeting on January 30, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
- ❖ Terminal Parking Lot: In addition to the terminal construction, work continues on improvements to the parking lot. The terminal parking lot project is expected to be completed around the terminal renovation.
- ❖ Campus Entrance Improvements: This project is expected to commence in mid-February 2020.
- ❖ ATAX 2020 Application: Hilton Head Island Airport requested \$180,000 to be used primarily for additional marketing efforts in our “out-markets”. The awarded amount is \$90,000. The Town of Hilton Head Island will free up some funds to help our airport as well. More information to follow.
- ❖ Securitas Security Services USA: We soon hope to have a Security Company directing the vehicle traffic flow and helping to maintain a safe environment for our passengers and employees.
- ❖ Speaking Engagement: Mr. Rembold fulfilled a speaking engagement for the Military Officers Association of America – Hilton Head Island Chapter on January 15, 2020.
- ❖ American Airlines will launch 3 new routes: to Philadelphia, Chicago and Dallas Fort Worth on March 7, 2020 – currently servicing on Saturdays only. More information to follow.
- ❖ The Hilton Head Island Airport's website will be updated in order to assist the travelers with flight schedules and map information.

Charts were previously submitted for AvGas, Jet A sales, Total Aircraft Operations and Enplanements /Deplanements.

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### Unfinished Business

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N/A

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### New Business

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Mr. Rembold briefed the board on the status of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) submitted to the FAA in December 2019.

A vote of approval will be requested from the board members via email.

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### Chairman Update

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#### 1. Finance

Members: Howard Ackerman, Dan Ahern, Anne Esposito, Chris Butler and Brian Turrisi.

Project update:

- ◆ The Finance Committee attended a budget meeting in November with Mr. Rembold.
- ◆ Additional meeting(s) will be scheduled in the near future.
- ◆ The Finance committee will keep the board informed of any developments.

#### 2. Communications and Marketing

Members: Jim Buckley (Chair), Barry Wilbur and Brian Turrisi

Project update:

- ◆ On January 10, 2020, our committee participated in a conference call with Mr. Rembold to review current market commitments.
- ◆ Valerie Wilson Travel has offered an opportunity to the Hilton Head Island Airport to do some local marketing and brand awareness by participating in the 2020 edition of the Travel Fest event at The Westin Hilton Head Island on Monday, January 27.

### 3. **Passenger Service Committee**

Members: Anne Esposito (Chair), Leslie Adlam Flory, and Blakely Williams

Project update:

- ◆ The committee will resume projects after the terminal is completed.

### 4. **ARW Facilities Use and Improvement**

Members: Dan Ahern (Chair), Chris Butler, Mark Bailey and Trey Ambrose

Project update:

- ◆ The ARW committee will be creating a Beaufort County Airport's name branding presentation for the next meeting.
- ◆ A study recommendation on fuel prices report will be conducted soon by the ARW Committee. More information to follow.
- ◆ Legal is reviewing the draft ground lease related to hangar development.

### 5. **The Hilton Head Island Airport General Aviation Improvement Committee.**

Members: Howard Ackerman, Brian Turrisi and Barry Wilbur.

This Committee will focus on improvements on the General Aviation side of HXD only

- ◆ Project Update: The Hilton Head Island General Aviation Improvement committee will keep you informed of any developments.

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## Public Comments

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Mr. Glenn Stanford's public comments regarding the St. James Church's project progress were presented.

Mr. David Ames' public comments concerning the noise abatement were heard.

Mr. Stewart Rodman's public comments regarding the noise abatement were presented.

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## Next Meeting

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February 20, 2020 | 1:30 pm | Beaufort County Government Building, County Council Chambers, Administration Building 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC. For more information, please click here:

[www.beaufortcountysc.gov/events/2020/02/Airport%20Board-20-02-20.html](http://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/events/2020/02/Airport%20Board-20-02-20.html)

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Motion to adjourn was made at 2:47 pm and was passed unanimously.