

MINUTES

Beaufort County Airports Board

August 18, 2022 | 1:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Ackerman

Attendance

Present: Howard Ackerman, Nick Mesenburg, Thomas Sheahan, Brian Turrisi, Chris Butler, Ian Scott, Anne Esposito, Mark Bailey, and Trey Ambrose

Absent: Leslie Adlam Flory and James Buckley

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Stephen Parry, Assistant Airports Director; and Rocio Rexrode, Administrative Specialist.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: The Agenda was amended. Action items 10, 12 and 13 were removed from the Agenda. There was no vote taken on the aforementioned items. Mr. Butler made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Sheahan made a motion to approve the June 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Mr. Mesenburg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comments

Larry Fuller, 41 Shrimp Lane, Hilton Head, SC 29926 – [EMAIL](#)

Director's Report

- **NEW FIRETRUCK:**
Mr. Rembold announced the arrival of the new firetruck. He mentioned that as soon as a back ordered control panel arrives, and the ARFF crew gets trained by the manufacturer, the firetruck will be put into service. He noted that the vehicle was 100% funded by the FAA.
- **HOURS OF OPERATION - ARW:**
Mr. Rembold discussed the prospect of reducing the ARW hours of operation due to low traffic. He mentioned that as the golf season picks up, the hours could be adjusted to meet the need.
- **EXTERIOR PROJECT - ARW:**
Mr. Rembold mentioned that the exterior improvements to the building are progressing, and landscaping and a monument sign on the road will be next. He noted the project is funded with the HTAX Grant.

- **PARD 139 INSPECTION - HXD:**

Mr. Rembold informed that the inspection was conducted. He said the written report is not available at this time.

- **BY-PARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) GRANT - HXD:**

Mr. Rembold informed the BIL Grant was awarded to HXD. He mentioned it is a \$275,000.00 grant that will be used for Tower improvements.

- **SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT (SCASD) GRANT - HXD:**

Mr. Rembold announced that the \$250,000.00 SCASD Grant was awarded to HXD. He stated the funds will be used for marketing.

- **TERMINAL PROJECT:**

Mr. Rembold informed that the bids for the terminal project came in. He stated that due to inflation, the numbers were high (about 45%) and as such the project is going to be done in phases. He said that Phase 1 of the project will be funded with the 35.6 million on hand. He stated the bidding process for Phase 1 will start soon.

Unfinished Business

The Chairman asked for an update on the following items:

- **PROPERTY ACQUISITION AT EXEC AIR**

Mr. Rembold informed that the acquisition process is moving forward.

- **VENDOR AGREEMENTS**

Mr. Rembold informed that there is ongoing negotiation with some vendors. He said that the Vendor Agreement is undergoing a review that meets FAA compliance.

New Business – Action Items

1. **HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT (HXD) - EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT TO FUND SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES FY23 CONTRACT WITH THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT**

Mr. Rembold explained that there was an oversight when preparing the FY23 Budget and the funds to cover Securitas services were not included in the current budget.

Ms. Esposito made a motion to approve the emergency procurement to fund Securitas Security Services FY23 Contract with the Hilton Head Island Airport. Mr. Sheahan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Chairman Update

1. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Members: Howard Ackerman (Chair), Anne Esposito, Chris Butler, and Brian Turrisi.

The Committee has nothing new to report this month. They will keep the board informed of any developments.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Members: Jim Buckley (Chair), Brian Turrisi, and Leslie Adlam Flory.

The Committee has nothing new to report this month. They will keep the board informed of any new developments.

3. **PASSENGER SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Members: Leslie Adlam Flory (Chair), Anne Esposito

Mr. Ackerman stated that the Ambassador Program at the Hilton Head Airport is an outstanding program that takes away some of the burden from the TSA and security staff. He mentioned that the “Ambassadors” have their own lectern at the Terminal.

4. **ARW FACILITIES USE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

Mr. Butler informed that the new hangars project is moving forward. He said the final design is pending and it will be reviewed when available.

Mr. Ambrose mentioned there was a road drainage issue and it was resolved by County Staff.

5. **THE HHI AIRPORT GENERAL AVIATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (HXD)**

Members: Howard Ackerman and Brian Turrisi.

The Committee has nothing new to report this month. They will keep the board informed of any new developments.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:16 pm. It passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

September 15, 2022 | 1:30 pm | Hybrid Meeting

Town of Hilton Head Island, One Town Center Ct., Hilton Head Island, SC.

From: [Larry Fuller](#)
To: [Rexrode, Rocio](#)
Subject: Fwd: Airport concern! To the Beaufort County Airport board Plus my PS
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 3:32:20 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] Please report any suspicious attachments, links, or requests for sensitive information to the Beaufort County IT Division at helpdesk@bcgov.net or to 843-255-7000.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Larry Fuller <l1hfuller@gmail.com>
Subject: Airport concern! To the Beaufort County Airport board
Date: August 3, 2022 at 12:44:36 PM EDT
To: rrexrode@bcgov.net

To the Beaufort County Airport board,

I thank you for the opportunity to share a concern with the air traffic coming onto Hilton Head Island. As a resident of 33 years, I have spent 29 of them under the flight path of the airport, on the Woodlake side. Since the expansion of the runway there has been a marked increase of traffic, and it is my concern that with the terminal expansion traffic will greatly increase again. I am asking for someone on the board to be an advocate for the thousands of residents that are affected by the increased noise and to research the local and FAA sound ordinances in order to move towards compliance. The noise levels from the days of the De Havilland aircrafts in and out were acceptable, with an incidental old Lear Jet sounding like a rocket taking off. But with the last few years' substantial increase of flights and the size of jets, the residents' quiet enjoyment on all parts of the island (but especially those on the north end) has been compromised. Fortunately, new technology has made great strides in reducing the noise of private and commercial jets. It is along those lines which I believe standards should be implemented to require the airlines to move in that direction. It will not happen overnight but unless someone strives to implement "sound" protocols it will only get worse with the proposed new terminal. May the board be a voice for all of the people. If you imagine just drifting off to sleep when a plane screams overhead on the Woodlake side of the airport, or you have to repeatedly break your phone or patio conversation, you would fully understand the need for requiring updated planes flying in and out of Hilton Head. Another simple help might be to have the planes bank to the left immediately after takeoff on the Woodlake side to track over the

commercial area on Mathews Drive and bank to the right over the marsh on the side of the Spa Condominiums. Thank you for your time here and your understanding of this growing problem. I would like to be kept abreast of any progress with this concern and have a contact for future concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry Fuller
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Hilton Head, SC 29926
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PS If you need a monitoring sight, I would gladly have on on our property.