

MINUTES

Beaufort County Airports Board

September 15, 2022 | 1:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Ackerman

Attendance

Present: Howard Ackerman, Thomas Sheahan, Brian Turrisi, Chris Butler, Ian Scott, Anne Esposito, Mark Bailey and Leslie Adlam Flory

Absent: Trey Ambrose, Nick Mesenburg and James Buckley

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Thomas Sheahan made a motion to adopt the agenda. Chris Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: The Minutes were corrected to reflect Leslie Adlam Flory as the current Chair of the Passenger Service Committee. Anne Esposito made a motion to approve the August 18, 2022, corrected meeting minutes. Leslie Adlam Flory seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comments

Doug Mullet: Mr. Mullett introduced his 20-year-old son, Chase, who was diagnosed with high functioning autism as a child. Mr. Mullett said that Chase developed a passion for aviation that eventually led him to employment at the John Glenn International Airport in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Mullett stated that he is reaching out to share Chase's goal of gaining some sort of position either paid or voluntarily at the Hilton Head Island Airport.

Director's Report

- **SMALL BUSINESS OPERATING AGREEMENT - HXD:**
Jon Rembold mentioned that a small business operating agreement is being developed and it will be rolled out in the coming months.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - HXD:**
Jon Rembold said that the economic development project known as Project Cloud --fostered by the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation—provided the first site plan for the development of the north end of the airport. Jon Rembold stated that more details have to be worked out between the Developer, Town and County; and that he will keep the Board updated as the specifics come in.
- **36 HUNTER ROAD - HXD:**
Jon Rembold informed that the purchase of 36 Hunter Road property is still in the process of closing. He mentioned that a Grant application for the reimbursement of funds will be submitted to the FAA.

- **NEW ARFF CHIEF - HXD:**

Jon Rembold introduced the new ARFF Chief, Robert Davidson.

- **TERMINAL PROJECT - HXD:**

Jon Rembold restated that the bids for the terminal project came in high and the project will be done in Phases. He mentioned that additional funding opportunities through SCAC, BIL and the State Delegation in Columbia, are being pursued. He said the goal is to have the bids for Phase I in by late December/early January, and the contracts awarded in late winter/early spring.

- **MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS - ARW:**

Jon Rembold revealed the new Mission and Vision statements. The Members entertained a dialog about improvements to the statements and there was no consensus.

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business – Action Items

1. **BEAUFORT EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (ARW) - TBE WORK AUTHORIZATION 2119-2103**

Mark Bailey made a motion to approve TBE Work Authorization 2119-2103. Brian Turrisi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. **GRANT ACCEPTANCE - FAA AIP GRANT 50 FOR HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT (HXD) TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION**

Leslie Adlam Flory made a motion to accept FAA AIP Grant 50 for Hilton Head Island airport (HXD) terminal construction. Anne Esposito 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

Flory stated that the Ambassador Program at the Hilton Head Island Airport was very successful, and the volunteers were well accepted by the passengers.

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

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

Butler gave an update on the new hangars (in design phase) and terminal improvement projects.

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

Glenn Stanford – HHI Town Council: He asked Leslie Adlam Flory about the Ambassadors Program most FAQ and stated that the idea of receiving people and answering their questions in a friendly basis is outstanding. He stated that the Board is doing an outstanding service.

David Ames – HHI Town Council: He pointed to the issue of transportation between the airport resorts and finding a solution.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:17 pm. It passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

October 20, 2022 | 1:30 pm | Hybrid Meeting
Beaufort County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC.