

# MINUTES

## Beaufort County Airports Board

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January 19, 2023 | 1:40 pm | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Ackerman

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### Attendance

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**Present:** Howard Ackerman, Leslie Adlam Flory, Anne Esposito, Chris Butler, Mark Bailey, Ian Scott and Nick Mesenburg

**Absent:** Trey Ambrose, Thomas Sheahan, Brian Turrisi, and James Buckley

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

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### Adoption of Agenda

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**Motion:** Chris Butler made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mark Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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### Approval of Minutes

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**Motion:** Anne Esposito made a motion to approve the November 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Leslie Adlam Flory seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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### Public Comments

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There were no Public Comments.

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### Director's Report

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- **DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

- **FY 2023-2024 BUDGET:**

- Jon Rembold informed the Members that it is budget season. He mentioned that after the budget is done, he would get in touch with the Chairman to set-up a meeting with him and some Members to brief them and answer any questions they may have about the budget.

- **USMC SKILL BRIDGE PROGRAM:**

- Jon Rembold stated that the Bridge Program is for Marines that are transitioning off active duty, and it's basically on the job training internship type program that costs the County as an employer nothing. Rembold mentioned that a Gunnery Sergeant from the Marine Air station is going to come work with both Airports for several months as part of the program.

- **FAA SUPPLEMENTAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT OPPORTUNITY:**

- Jon Rembold said that the Supplemental Discretionary Grant opportunity came up just before the New Year. He stated that it is an unscheduled opportunity for funding, and he is submitting applications for both airports. He mentioned that for Hilton Head he is proposing additional funding for the Terminal, and for Beaufort he is proposing safety projects for the runway safety areas and mitigation. He stated that the applications are due January 31, and he is actively working on those applications.

- **ARW UPDATE:**

**HANGAR DEVELOPMENT:**

Jon Rembold stated that the hangar development is moving forward, and the design is on hand. He said the design has been modified to meet FAA regulations and the project may have to be phased depending on funding.

**TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS, LANDSCAPE:**

Jon Rembold informed the outside of the building has been painted and the logos for the inside of the building behind the service counter and for the outside of the building are coming. He said that in the next few weeks both sides of that building will be fully landscaped.

There was an extensive conversation regarding the use of the Frogmore logo and the consensus was that the Members are comfortable keeping it.

**RW 7/25 REHAB DESIGN IN PROGRESS:**

Jon Rembold stated the design is in progress and the next stage of that project is the FAA design reviews, then bid and build. He informed that the FAA instituted a one year waiting period between design and construction, so there will be a year off in between design, and bid and construction.

**SC BREAKFAST CLUB FLY-IN (2/5/23 @ 9:00am)**

Jon Rembold mentioned that the ARW has been on their list for a couple of years now. He said the event is open to the public, but it is catered first and foremost to the Breakfast Club, because it's an actual organization that will fly in and they will conduct a meeting at the breakfast. He stated that the event is not meant to be an open house.

- **HXD UPDATE:**

**TERMINAL FUNDING – SCAC ALLOCATION:**

Rembold stated that three million dollars allocation will apply to the Terminal project and there is a possibility that this one-time funding will turn into recurring funding.

**Taxiway F Design to Construction**

Rembold stated that it is in design, and that it will be under construction later this year. He said it will go to bid in the springtime. He said the grant award is mid to late summer.

**Tentative Timeline – Terminal**

Rembold said it will go out to bid by the end of February for a six to eight week bid period, then will move towards getting into contract and getting the project under way.

**Tower Project – 100% grant BIL AIG Competitive**

Rembold said it is a five-year program and each year they release a new opportunity. He mentioned the HXD got this grant on the first year. He stated it is a 100% grant, so there's no local match. He mentioned the bids open on Tue 1/24. He said this project will get new gear installed in the Tower.

**Air Service Update**

Rembold informed that so far service is holding steady. He said United and Delta have a little bit less service than they have in years past, but American is holding steady and they're going to again be the strongest carrier coming through the summer. He said that there will be at least 1 to 2 more years of what we saw this past summer, with numbers about half of what we had in 2021, because of the shortage of pilots and crew, and the airlines having to make decisions on where to move the airplanes around, it is a challenge for the regional airports.

**Adopt A Highway**

Rembold informed that Hilton Head Island Airport staff picked up the Adopt a Highway responsibility on Hunter Road. He mentioned that Marlene Myers organized this project at the office, and it's a great opportunity for everybody to go out there and do community service.

### **Mayor and County Council Visit**

Rembold mentioned that County officials are visiting the Airport on Feb 1 for a brief and tour of the facilities. He thanked Leslie Flory for arranging the visit. He stated that it is a great opportunity to give an in brief, show the renderings of the new Terminal and let them see inside the airport.

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### **Unfinished Business**

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There was no Unfinished Business.

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### **New Business – Action Items**

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There were no Action Items.

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### **Chairman Update**

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#### **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

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

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

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

Chris Butler reported that the gate at the ARW is working and operational.

#### **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.

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### **Public Comments**

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There were no Public Comments.

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### **Adjournment**

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Motion to adjourn was made at 2:25 pm. It passed unanimously.

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### **Next Meeting**

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February 23, 2023 | 1:30 pm | Hybrid Meeting  
Beaufort County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC.