

MINUTES

Beaufort County Airports Board

November 16, 2023 | 1:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Ackerman

ATTENDANCE

Present: Howard Ackerman, Leslie Adlam Flory, Anne Esposito, Brian Turrisi, Chris Butler, Nick Mesenburg, David Nelems, Rich Sells, Jim Starnes, Thomas Sheahan and Mark Bailey

Absent:

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

AGENDA ADOPTION

Leslie Adlam Flory made a motion to adopt the November 16, 2023, BCAB meeting agenda. Anne Esposito seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Butler made a motion to approve the October 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Brian Turrisi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

New Staff: Jon Rembold welcomed new staff members Spencer Szalai (ARW) and Alex Sabogal Hernandez (HXD).

Events Recap:

- Groundbreaking Ceremony – The event was great. The weather was beautiful, and a lot of people showed up.
- Concours d'Elegance - Great event. The weather was nice and cool. It was a perfect evening.
- Flying Frog 5K Race – It was a great event and a good way to open the Airport to the community.
- TSA PreCheck – A very popular event. Five hundred fifty-one people came through in the five days.

ARW Parking Lot:

Rembold informed that an area of the parking lot had many roots, and a couple of trees had to be removed. He said that 10 parking spots will be gained once the project is completed.

ARW Traffic:

Rembold mentioned that in the fall, the ARW ramp is full wing-tip to wing-tip, and a lot of jet fuel is being pumped.

Paul Jernigan’s Retirement:

Rembold acknowledged Paul Jernigan’s retirement after 15 years at Beaufort Executive Airport. He said Paul did a great job!

Communications Update:

Rembold said that he would like to include this list as a standard update to inform everyone of what goes on between meetings. He said most of these media events are calls he is getting to do interviews, shows, social media work, invitations to talk to groups, etc. He said they want to hear about aviation careers and airport opportunities. He said a lot of communication is going out of the airport, and there is a lot of social media coverage of what's been going on with projects.

- HHI-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Power Hour
- Podcasts & Local News – Flying Frog 5K
- WHHI, WJCL – Terminal Groundbreaking
- WSAV – Terminal Contract Award
- HHI-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Junior Leadership
- Extensive social media (5K, Terminal, #1 Island)

State 2% ATAX:

Rembold informed that both airports applied for State 2% ATAX. He said this category is administered through the County. He said it was a joint application; one application covered both airports. He said this year’s funds are earmarked for advertising and marketing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. LEO SERVICES AT THE HXD TERMINAL

Jon Rembold informed that he doesn’t know when the item will go in front of Council, and there is no resolution at this point. He stated that they would continue working on it and that outsourcing the service would probably take 9 months to a year to get it in place.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

1. BEAUFORT EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (ARW) – RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 39 AIRPORT CIRCLE BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND MATT ARCHER

Rich Sells made a motion to approve a recommendation to approve a lease agreement at 39 Airport Circle between Beaufort County and Matt Archer. Chris Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. BEAUFORT EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (ARW) - RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 39 AIRPORT CIRCLE BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND CINDY HOLLMAN

Brian Turrisi made a motion to approve a recommendation to approve a lease agreement at 39 Airport Circle between Beaufort County and Cindy Hollman. Rich Sells seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT (HXD) - RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ACIP) LIST

Rich Sells made a motion to approve a recommendation to approve the Hilton Head Island Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) List. Mark Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. BEAUFORT EXECUTIVE AIRPORT (ARW) - RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ACIP) LIST

David Nelems made a motion to approve a recommendation to approve the Beaufort Executive Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) List. Chris Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE

1. Finance Committee

Members: Howard Ackerman (Chair), Chris Butler, Tom Sheahan, and Brian Turrisi.

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

2. Communications and Marketing Committee

Members: Anne Esposito (Chair), Howard Ackerman, and Leslie Adlam Flory

Anne Esposito said that they had a meeting and are focusing on promoting the airport and the Heritage together. She said they will need sponsors and support to move the idea forward.

3. Passenger Service Committee

Members: Leslie Adlam Flory (Chair), David Nelems, Jim Starnes, and Tom Sheahan

The Committee had 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, David Nelems, Jim Starnes, and Nick Mesenburg

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

5. The HHI Airport Improvement Committee (HXD)

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

Brian Turrisi said they had a meeting and are putting together a list of items to present for action items eventually.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made at 2:17 p.m. It passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

December 21, 2023 | 1:30 pm

Beaufort County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC.