



AGENDA  
AIRPORTS BOARD  
Thursday, October 17, 2013  
1:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers, Administration Building  
Beaufort County Government Center  
100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. MOTION TO ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 19, 2013 AGENDA
4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AUGUST 15, 2013 MINUTES (backup)
5. GUEST INTRODUCTIONS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT - Limited to Three Minutes Each Person
7. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN
8. BEAUFORT COUNTY AIRPORT REPORT (LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT)
  - A. Fuel Sales - Joel Phillips (backup)
  - B. Projects Update – Rob McFee
9. HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT
  - A. Tower Report – Larry Yeager (backup)
  - B. Operations Report – Larry Yeager (backup)
  - C. Noise Complaints & Traffic Counters – Larry Yeager
  - D. Projects Update – Rob McFee
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Lady's Island Airport Operations - Graham Kerr
  - B. Hilton Head Island Airport Operations - Will Dopp
  - C. Subcommittee Report – Al Spain
11. NEW BUSINESS: None



# AIRPORTS BOARD

September 19, 2013

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The Airports Board met on Thursday September 19, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center. Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Airports Board Members: Chairman Pete Buchanan, Will Dopp, Derek Gilbert, Rich Sell, Ron Smetek, Al Spain, Dan Ahern, Anne, Esposito, Carl Wedler, and Councilman Stu Rodman, Beaufort County Liaison. (Absent: Graham Kerr, Ross Sanders, and Councilman John McCann, Town of Hilton Head Island Liaison)

County Staff: Rob McFee, Director, Engineering and Infrastructure; Joel Phillips, Beaufort County Airport Supervisor; Larry Yeager, Hilton Head Island Chief of Operations; and Linda Wright, Administrative Assistant.

Public: Zach Murdock, Island Packet; Councilman William McBride; Mike Peery, Signature Flight; Judy Elder, Talbert & Bright; Will Hamp, Resident; Bob Richardson, Resident; and Joe Zimmerman, Resident.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Ahern, seconded by Mr. Spain that the September 19, 2013 agenda be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Sells, Mr. Spain, Mr. Smetek, Ms. Esposito and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Kerr and Mr. Sanders. MOTION PASSED.

## **MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Dopp, seconded by Mr. Smetek that the August 15, 2013 minutes be approved. The vote was: FOR – Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Sells, Mr. Spain, Mr. Smetek, Ms. Esposito and Mr. Wedler. AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Mr. Kerr and Mr. Sanders. MOTION PASSED.

## **GUEST INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments.

## **REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Buchanan introduced the new Board member, Anne Esposito. He stated Ms. Esposito will also serve on the subcommittee.

Mr. Buchanan reminded the Board members of the requirements for meeting attendance.

## **LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Mr. Phillips reported on the fuel sales and operations for the Lady's Island Airport for August. He stated the operations are up approximately 27% over the same time period as last year and the fuel flow is up approximately 25%.

Mr. McFee stated SCE&G has until March 2014 to either lower or light the power poles in the approach. There are 4 avigation easements remaining and are scheduled for court in late October. Mr. McFee stated the FAA has reviewed the Master Plan and they did not make any comments. The plan is currently being reviewed by the SC Aeronautics Commission and should be finished this week. Mr. McFee stated quotes have been received for the restrooms and that the tree removal plans are moving forward. He stated he made a presentation to Beaufort County ATAX Board for the Air Day, but no funds were received.

## **HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT REPORT**

Chief Yeager gave the tower and operations reports as well as the noise complaints for August.

Mr. McFee stated the Runway 21 on-airport obstruction removal revised plans and specs are underway and will be rebid in October for replanting. He stated the 20:1 to 30:1 design work for the obstruction removal is proceeding. Mr. McFee stated we have 9 out of 17 avigation easements.

Mr. McFee stated the Phase I Airport Improvements Environmental Assessment report is underway and a draft report is expected at the end of October or the first of November. He stated the Phase III Archeology Data Recovery will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment.

Mr. McFee stated terminal renovations will be rebid. He also stated a decision has not been received from the FAA concerning the Modifications to Standards for the runway lighted sign replacement project.

Mr. McFee stated there is a bid alternate to address the rust on the exterior of the terminal building.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Lady's Island Airport Operations – Graham Kerr – No Report

2. Hilton Head Island Airport Operations – Will Dopp

Mr. Dopp stated the movements are down 9% and passenger count is down 6%. He stated Signature Flight Support's revenues are down by 4% and the County's share for the eight months is \$171,000.00. He stated the fuel revenues for Signature were down 5%. Signature will begin shortly on their \$200,000.00 terminal renovation project that will be done in phases and hopefully finished in the first quarter of 2014. Mr. Dopp stated Republic Parking is up compared to this time last year.

3. Subcommittee/Air Carrier Service Improvements at Hilton Head Island Airport – Al Spain

Mr. Spain stated the committee was established and at their last meeting they determined their goals. He stated that at their meeting today they will try to better define the process for improving airline service.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Airports Board 2014 Meeting Schedule – Pete Buchanan

Mr. Buchanan asked the Board if they wanted to continue meeting on the third Thursday of every month. It was a consensus of the Board to retain the current schedule.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Hilton Head Island ATAX – Rob McFee

Mr. McFee stated we have been turned down in the past and wanted to know if the Board wanted him to try again and if they had any ideas for a different approach. Mr. Ahern suggested a safety seminar at the Airport in connection with the Ambassador Program. Mr. Dopp stated they might try for funds for an Air Day in hopes of getting rid of the legal opinion from TERC concerning police and fire services. Mr. Buchanan and Ms. Esposito concurred. Mr. McFee stated he would proceed with the Hilton Head Island Airport ATAX using the Air Day approach.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED**

1. Joe Zimmerman, Resident – Mr. Zimmerman asked the Board members to move closer to the microphones as the guests at the Hilton Head Island Library only heard about 15% of the meeting.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Airports Board meeting will be Thursday October 17, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 2:15 p.m

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Search for Airports Director – Pete Buchanan

13. PUBLIC COMMENT - Limited to Three Minutes Each Person

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

Airports Board: The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2013 at 1:30 PM  
in the County Council Chambers of the Beaufort County Government Center.

15. ADJOURNMENT



## LADY'S ISLAND AIRPORT OPERATIONS REPORT

		Avgas	Jet A	Total Flow	Total Flight Ops
<b>2013</b>					
January		2,393	2,682	5,075	1,010
February		2,831	2,798	5,629	1,102
March		4,804	4,019	8,823	2,005
April		3,682	4,505	8,187	1,954
May		3,402	2,862	6,264	1,249
June		2,601	1,579	4,180	1,012
July		3,369	1,249	4,618	1,026
August		2,676	3,323	5,999	1,205
September		3,598	2,599	6,197	1,582
October					
November					
December					
<b>2013 Totals</b>		<b>29,356</b>	<b>25,616</b>	<b>54,972</b>	<b>12,145</b>
		Avgas	Jet A	Total Flow	Total Flight Ops
<b>2012</b>					
January		3,130	2,520	5,650	1,018
February		2,029	1,882	3,911	984
March		4,418	4,025	8,443	1,912
April		4,181	4,110	8,291	1,965
May		3,062	4,049	7,111	1,106
June		3,928	3,055	6,983	1,222
July		3,292	883	4,175	905
August		2,616	2,232	4,848	948
September		2,910	2,257	5,167	1,105
October		3,349	4,282	7,631	1,860
November		3,950	4,056	8,006	1,984
December		3,339	3,060	6,399	1,685
<b>2012 Totals</b>		<b>40,204</b>	<b>36,411</b>	<b>76,615</b>	<b>16,694</b>
		Avgas	Jet A	Total Flow	Total Flight Ops
<b>2011</b>					
January		3,580	3,036	6,616	920
February		4,020	1,849	5,869	1,074
March		5,166	3,005	8,171	1,847
April		4,884	4,181	9,065	2,015
May		3,666	4,822	8,488	1,280
June		3,167	1,848	5,015	1,018
July		2,968	2,336	5,304	1,038
August		2,432	2,478	4,910	912
September		2,488	2,615	5,103	858
October		3,367	3,461	6,828	1,141
November		3,913	6,168	10,081	1,838
December		3,518	2,675	6,193	1,122
<b>2011 Totals</b>		<b>43,169</b>	<b>38,474</b>	<b>81,643</b>	<b>15,063</b>

**HXD TOWER REPORT**

ITINERATE			LOCAL									
TOWER	AIR TAXI	GA	MILITARY	LOCAL GA	LOCAL MIL	VFR	IFR	Total	After Hrs. GA	After Hrs. Comm	Total Ops	
January 2013	516	1,303	28	158	69	961	1,103	2,064	128	54	2,246	
February 2013	488	1,171	25	182	26	812	1,080	1,892	96	41	2,029	
March 2013	672	1,717	28	146	40	1,126	1,477	2,603	130	34	2,767	
April 2013	830	2,223	21	186	12	1,126	2,126	3,252	160	34	3,446	
May 2013	772	2,140	15	233	38	1,067	2,131	3,198	48	35	3,281	
June 2013	681	2,085	19	197	28	1,255	1,755	3,010	56	33	3,099	
July 2013	652	1,889	10	178	22	1,062	1,689	2,751	62	36	2,849	
August 2013	624	1,831	32	193	52	1,180	1,552	2,732	38	34	2,804	
September 2013	595	1,693	27	180	79	1,145	1,429	2,574	65	36	2,675	
October 2013								0			0	
November 2013								0			0	
December 2013								0			0	
<b>TOTALS 2012</b>	<b>5,830</b>	<b>16,052</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>9,734</b>	<b>14,342</b>	<b>24,076</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>25,196</b>	

ITINERATE			LOCAL									
TOWER	AIR TAXI	GA	MILITARY	LOCAL GA	LOCAL MIL	VFR	IFR	Total	After Hrs. GA	After Hrs. Comm	Total Ops	
January 2012	555	1,572	56	155	107	1,161	1,284	2,445	53	14	2,512	
February 2012	582	1,541	64	180	158	1,174	1,351	2,525	92	20	2,637	
March 2012	678	2,030	32	254	66	1,374	1,957	3,331	126	19	3,476	
April 2012	890	2,224	29	164	42	1,176	2,173	3,349	127	19	3,495	
May 2012	772	2,248	28	170	26	1,279	1,965	3,244	125	23	3,392	
June 2012	669	1,918	22	148	24	1,103	1,678	2,781	134	35	2,950	
July 2012	695	1,761	37	220	66	1,162	1,617	2,779	88	36	2,903	
August 2012	707	1,593	25	185	26	970	1,566	2,536	64	37	2,637	
September 2012	600	1,651	28	154	83	1,092	1,424	2,516	119	38	2,673	
October 2012	699	1,573	23	112	112	1,009	1,510	2,519	126	35	2,680	
November 2012	581	1,708	43	108	96	1,043	1,493	2,536	124	56	2,716	
December 2012	489	1,274	13	159	42	873	1,099	1,972	125	56	2,153	
<b>TOTALS 2012</b>	<b>7,917</b>	<b>21,093</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>13,416</b>	<b>19,117</b>	<b>32,533</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>34,224</b>	

ITINERATE			LOCAL									
TOWER	AIR TAXI	GA	MILITARY	LOCAL GA	LOCAL MIL	VFR	IFR	Total	After Hrs. GA	After Hrs. Comm	Total Ops	
January 2011	462	1,392	27	182	46	1,027	1,082	2,109	48	17	2,174	
February 2011	421	1,429	34	112	120	1,052	1,064	2,116	86	12	2,214	
March 2011	692	1,925	50	190	46	1,328	1,575	2,903	117	40	3,060	
April 2011	888	2,623	39	180	56	1,572	2,214	3,786	124	52	3,962	
May 2011	790	2,611	48	204	106	1,721	2,038	3,759	120	67	3,946	
June 2011	687	2,345	44	192	47	1,540	1,775	3,315	126	38	3,479	
July 2011	691	2,146	33	238	38	1,312	1,834	3,146	80	27	3,253	
August 2011	601	1,955	40	229	26	1,294	1,557	2,851	129	47	3,027	
September 2011	580	1,710	33	101	98	1,029	1,493	2,522	129	52	2,703	
October 2011	638	2,031	22	91	44	1,146	1,680	2,826	137	46	3,009	
November 2011	670	1,529	45	112	94	945	1,505	2,450	114	14	2,578	
December 2011	627	1,542	32	98	42	966	1,375	2,341	116	21	2,478	
<b>TOTALS 2011</b>	<b>7,747</b>	<b>23,238</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>1,929</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>14,932</b>	<b>19,192</b>	<b>34,124</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>35,883</b>	

## ENPLANEMENTS/DEPLANEMENTS

<b>HILTON HEAD ISLAND PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS(departures) 2004-2012</b>												
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		
JAN	2,985	3,520	3,540	3,145	4,206	2,510	2,539	2,847	3,421	3,232		
FEB	3,431	3,957	2,748	3,250	5,275	2,976	2,916	2,800	3,625	3,342		
MAR	5,053	6,647	5,956	6,273	8,052	5,547	6,044	5,325	5,461	5,326		
APR	6,513	7,809	6,715	8,985	7,930	6,872	7,596	6,216	6,404	5,385		
MAY	6,438	7,782	6,739	8,682	8,389	7,177	7,912	6,705	6,092	5,962		
JUN	6,111	6,814	6,140	8,638	7,819	6,771	7,947	6,138	5,792	5,249		
JUL	6,051	6,849	5,850	8,498	7,954	7,393	7,629	6,018	5,896	5,462		
AUG	6,422	6,500	5,086	8,843	7,649	6,957	7,617	5,395	6,154	5,775		
SEP	4,957	1,129	5,070	7,392	5,922	6,249	7,266	5,051	5,003	5,084		
OCT	6,115	6,632	5,794	9,230	6,882	6,601	8,314	6,038	5,219			
NOV	5,052	5,107	4,313	7,355	5,927	4,121	4,940	4,908	4,567			
DEC	3,792	3,676	3,198	4,780	2,928	2,977	3,374	3,456	3,268			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>62,920</b>	<b>66,422</b>	<b>61,149</b>	<b>85,071</b>	<b>78,933</b>	<b>66,151</b>	<b>74,094</b>	<b>60,897</b>	<b>60,902</b>	<b>44,817</b>		

<b>HILTON HEAD ISLAND PASSENGER DEPLANEMENTS(arrivals) 2004-2012</b>												
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		
JAN	2,810	3,177	3,253	2,887	3,591	2,308	2,228	2,532	3,003	2,868		
FEB	3,369	4,120	2,964	3,453	5,729	3,256	3,106	2,940	3,710	3,528		
MAR	5,558	7,418	6,652	7,313	8,652	5,770	6,750	5,715	6,051	6,109		
APR	7,053	7,912	6,740	9,289	8,263	7,057	8,111	6,774	6,353	5,306		
MAY	6,530	7,995	6,836	9,035	8,681	7,175	8,287	6,649	6,143	5,947		
JUN	6,419	7,649	6,465	8,961	8,110	7,055	8,716	6,317	5,973	5,572		
JUL	6,028	6,868	5,895	8,708	8,470	7,849	8,327	6,415	6,079	5,713		
AUG	6,518	6,399	5,177	8,979	7,748	6,684	7,706	5,291	6,291	6,034		
SEP	4,936	1,185	5,152	7,119	5,583	6,558	7,109	5,303	4,971	4,966		
OCT	6,102	6,654	5,832	9,068	7,243	6,699	8,135	5,816	5,433			
NOV	4,828	5,002	4,380	7,169	5,556	3,860	4,762	4,615	4,338			
DEC	3,972	3,742	3,419	5,010	3,037	3,248	3,668	3,763	3,479			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64,123</b>	<b>68,121</b>	<b>62,765</b>	<b>86,991</b>	<b>80,663</b>	<b>67,519</b>	<b>76,905</b>	<b>62,130</b>	<b>61,824</b>	<b>46,043</b>		

## ENPLANEMENTS/DEPLANEMENTS

<b>TOTAL PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS &amp; DEPLANEMENTS 2004-2012</b>												
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>		
JAN	5,795	6,697	6,793	6,032	7,797	4,818	4,767	5,379	6,424	6,100		
FEB	6,800	8,077	5,712	6,703	11,004	6,232	6,022	5,740	7,335	6,870		
MAR	10,611	14,065	12,608	13,586	16,704	11,317	12,794	11,040	11,512	11,435		
APR	13,566	15,721	13,455	18,274	16,193	13,929	15,707	12,990	12,757	10,691		
MAY	12,968	15,777	13,575	17,717	17,070	14,352	16,199	13,354	12,235	11,909		
JUN	12,530	14,463	12,605	17,599	15,929	13,826	16,663	12,455	11,765	10,821		
JUL	12,079	13,717	11,745	17,206	16,424	15,242	15,956	12,433	11,975	11,175		
AUG	12,940	12,899	10,263	17,822	15,397	13,641	15,323	10,686	12,445	11,809		
SEP	9,893	2,314	10,222	14,511	11,505	12,807	14,375	10,354	9,974	10,050		
OCT	12,217	13,286	11,626	18,298	14,125	13,300	16,449	11,854	10,652	0		
NOV	9,880	10,109	8,693	14,524	11,483	7,981	9,702	9,523	8,905	0		
DEC	7,765	7,418	6,617	9,790	5,965	6,225	7,042	7,219	6,747	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>127,044</b>	<b>134,543</b>	<b>123,914</b>	<b>172,062</b>	<b>159,596</b>	<b>133,670</b>	<b>150,999</b>	<b>123,027</b>	<b>122,726</b>	<b>90,860</b>		

Delta Connection/ASA began service March 17, 2007

Delta Connection/ASA suspended service November 30, 2008

Delta Connection/Mesaba began service March 2, 2009

Delta Connection/Mesaba suspended service November 2, 2009

Delta Connection/Mesaba began service March 4, 2010

Delta Connection/Mesaba suspended service November 1, 2010