

MINUTES

Beaufort County Airports Board

November 14, 2019 | 1:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Ackerman

In Attendance

Howard Ackerman, Dan Ahern, Mark Bailey, James Buckley, Barry Wilbur, Leslie Adlam Flory, Trey Ambrose, Brian Turrisi. Absent: Anne Esposito, Blakely Williams and Chris Butler.

County Staff: Jon Rembold, Airports Director; Elena Milbrandt, Airports Administrative Assistant; John O'Toole – Executive Director at Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation.

Public: Glenn Stanford – Town of Hilton Head Island Council Member; Benjamin Klimko – Signature Flight Support; Judy Elder – Talbert, Bright and Ellington, Inc.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Ackerman and seconded by Mr. Wilbur that the Agenda be adopted. The vote was FOR – Howard Ackerman, Leslie Adlam Flory, Mark Bailey, James Buckley, Brian Turrisi, Barry Wilbur, Dan Ahern and Trey Ambrose.

AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Chris Butler, Blakely Williams and Anne Esposito.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Turrisi and seconded by Mr. Ahern that the October 17, 2019 meeting minutes be approved. The vote was FOR – Howard Ackerman, Brian Turrisi, Mark Bailey, James Buckley, Barry Wilbur, Leslie Adlam Flory, Dan Ahern and Trey Ambrose.

AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Chris Butler, Blakely Williams and Anne Esposito.

Public Comments

N/A

Director's Report - Beaufort County Airport Project Update

- ❖ Airfield lighting project is starting soon. More details to follow.
- ❖ PAPI Flight Inspection with FAA on Runways 7/25 is scheduled to proceed soon.

Charts were displayed for AvGas, Jet A sales and aircraft operations.

Director's Report – Hilton Head Island Airport Project Update

- ❖ Campus Entrance Improvements - Parking project is moving along. This project will provide additional space on the right side of the terminal. More information to follow.
- ❖ Hunter Road Property Road Acquisitions – working on potential cost implications. Beaufort County sent out the offers and we expect to close at least 2 of them by the end of this year.

- ❖ Trimming trees against the airport's fence in order to provide a safety factor for the airlines crews. It is expected to be completed before the end of the month.

Charts displayed for AvGas, Jet A sales, Total Aircraft Operations and Enplanements
/Deplanements.

Unfinished Business

MOTION TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE BEAUFORT COUNTY AIRPORT'S NAME TO BEAUFORT EXECUTIVE AIRPORT– Mr. Ackerman moved to take from the table the resolution on changing the Beaufort County Airport's name. Seconded by Mr. Wilbur. FOR – Howard Ackerman, Mark Bailey, Barry Wilbur, Dan Ahern, Leslie Adlam Flory, Blakely Williams, Brian Turrisi, Chris Butler, and Jim Buckley.

AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Anne Esposito, Blakely Williams and Trey Ambrose.

MOTION PASSED.

New Business

HILTON HEAD ISLAND WORK AUTHORIZATION 18-03, AMMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDATION

MOTION: Mr. Wilbur made a motion to endorse the proposed work authorization, seconded by Mr. Turrisi. FOR – Howard Ackerman, Mark Bailey, Barry Wilbur, Dan Ahern, Leslie Adlam Flory, Blakely Williams, Brian Turrisi, Trey Ambrose, and Jim Buckley.

AGAINST – None. ABSENT – Chris Butler, Anne Esposito and Blakely Williams.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.

NEW TERMINAL PROJECT UPDATE: Mr. Rembold briefed the board on the status of this project. Further information will follow over the next weeks.

Chairman Update

1. Finance

Members: Howard Ackerman, Dan Ahern, Anne Esposito, and Chris Butler. Brian Turrisi has been added to the Finance Committee.

Project update:

- ◆ A preliminary budget meeting will be scheduled in the near future.
- ◆ The Finance committee will keep you informed of any developments.

2. Communications and Marketing

Members: Jim Buckley (Chair), Barry Wilbur and Brian Turrisi

Project update:

- ◆ We will be wrapping up the process of working with the travel professional agencies. Further information will follow soon.
- ◆ Looking into the level of involvement in local marketing versus out of state. More information soon.

- ◆ Our committee will schedule a conference call with Mr. Rembold to discuss our current market arrangements.

3. Passenger Service Committee

Members: Anne Esposito (Chair), Leslie Adlam Flory, and Blakely Williams

Suggested projects:

- ◆ The committee will resume projects after the terminal is completed.

4. ARW Facilities Use and Improvement

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

Project update:

- ◆ 2019 versus 2017 – Avgas Fuel Sales declining by 22.1%
- ◆ 2019 versus 2017 – Jet A Fuel Sales declining by 11.0%
- ◆ Regarding the last month's adopted motion to bring County Council a request for funding for new hangars at ARW – updates will be given as they come.

5. NEW COMMITTEE - The Hilton Head Island Airport General Aviation Improvement Committee.

Members: Howard Ackerman, Brian Turrisi and Barry Wilbur.

This Committee will focus on improvements on the General Aviation side of HXD only.

Public Comments

Mr. Glenn Stanford, member of the Town of Hilton Head Island Council made the following comments:

- ◆ Helicopter training Company rumor was unfounded
- ◆ Trimming trees at Hilton Head Island Airport must follow the Hilton Head Island Town's requirements
- ◆ Ongoing participation with St. James Church project. We received positive feedback so far. As of now, there is no agreement.

Mr. John O' Toole, Executive Director at the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation introduced himself to the board members and reiterated his commitment to strengthen our collaboration together.

Next Meeting

December 19, 2019 has been cancelled. January 16, 2020 | 1:30 pm | Town of Hilton Head, One Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island.

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Motion to adjourn was made at 2:30 pm and was passed unanimously.