

# MINUTES

## Beaufort County Airports Board

August 15, 2024 | 1:30 pm | Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Jim Starnes  
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### ATTENDANCE

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

**Absent:** Chris Butler

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

**Beaufort County Council Liaison:**

**Hilton Head Island Town Council Liaison:**

**Public:** Judy Elder, Talbert, Bright and Ellington, Inc.; Derek Roth, Signature Aviation; Caleb Lincoln, Signature Aviation; and Neah Wyatt, Signature Aviation

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### AGENDA ADOPTION

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Rich Sells made a motion to adopt the August 15, 2024, BCAB meeting agenda. Brian Turrisi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Howard Ackerman made a motion to approve the July 18, 2024, meeting minutes. Rich Sells 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:**

**Taxiway F Rehab:** Rembold stated that the taxiway is almost completed, and the temporary markings are on. He said the contractor will return in about a month to do the permanent markings. He pointed out that the project time was 28 days, and there was minimal traffic disruption.

**TS Debby:** Rembold observed that the storm came through, and the contractors had to deal with some water. He mentioned that the contractors did a great job prepping for it, were able to pump the water out, and had everything cleaned and dried up quickly.

**BC Mosquito Control:** Rembold informed that the County did mosquito control right after TS Debby. He stated that Mosquito Control did some larvicide operations to get rid of the mosquitos before they hatched.

**Billboard Hwy 278:** Rembold informed that the HWY 278 billboard was redesigned. He said the font was changed, and the size increased to make the sign stand out more.

**Beaufort Water Festival:**

- **Parade:** Rembold mentioned that the new ARFF truck was in the Beaufort Water Festival parade.
- **Airplane Blessing:** Rembold commented that Todd (ARW-based pilot) participated in the Blessing of the Fleet. He said that Todd was able to have his Sea Ray blessed.
- **Like Father Like Son:** Rembold explained that Chief Bobby Davidson and his son, Chase, a firefighter for Barton District, participated in the parade. He said that a posting on social media of “father and son” in front of their fire engines garnered thousands of likes.

- **TERMINAL UPDATE:**

Rembold explained that the first two rows of parking have been eliminated, and the new four-lane road in front of the terminal will go there. He said that the lanes will be built in two phases, each with two lanes. Rembold stated that the customers are adapting to the change and easily finding their way to the terminal. He expressed that contractors are doing an excellent job of having a presence at the job site. Rembold revealed that the steel is on site and that, within a few weeks, construction will start going vertical.

- **AIRPORTS’ BUSINESS UPDATE**

**Airlines Meeting:** Rembold stated that Airport and TBE staff met with the airlines to discuss the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) and the airlines' vetting of projects. Rembold observed that all grant-related airfield projects are included in the PFC application to pay back the local share of those projects.

**Part 139 Inspection:** Rembold mentioned that the inspection occurred two weeks ago, from Monday to Wednesday. He stated that it went well and that HXD staff has done a great job keeping training records and certifications.

Rembold concluded by mentioning that he is trying to arrange for the Air Service Development Team to come in and do a presentation about the state of the airline business and what is being done to increase it. He said the meeting is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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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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1. **GRANT ACCEPTANCE - RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT FAA BIL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$448,000 FOR ARW RUNWAY 07/25 REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Rich Sells made a motion to approve a recommendation to accept the FAA BIL grant in the amount of \$448,000 for ARW Runway 07/25 Rehabilitation Construction Project. Leslie Flory seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**2. GRANT ACCEPTANCE - RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT FAA AIP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,378,106 FOR ARW RUNWAY 07/25 REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

David Nelems made a motion to approve a recommendation to accept the FAA AIP grant in the amount of \$2,378,106 for ARW Runway 07/25 Rehabilitation Construction Project. Nick Mesenburg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**3. WORK AUTHORIZATION - RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TALBERT, BRIGHT, AND ELLINGTON WORK AUTHORIZATION 2119-2301 FOR HXD AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN**

Howard Ackerman made a motion to approve a recommendation to approve Talbert, Bright, and Ellington Work Authorization 2119-2301 for HXD Airport Layout Plan. Brian Turrisi seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**4. COMMERCIAL OPERATING AGREEMENT – RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NON-TENANT COMMERCIAL OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND EGA AERO SPECIALTY SERVICES**

Rich Sells made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a Non-Tenant Commercial Operating Agreement between Beaufort County and EGA Aero Specialty Services. Mark Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**5. LEASE AGREEMENT – RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND UNITED PARCEL SERVICES, INC (UPS)**

Howard Ackerman made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement between Beaufort County and United Parcel Services, Inc. Thomas Sheahan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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**CHAIRMAN UPDATE**

**1. Passenger Service Committee**

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

Leslie Flory informed that the Ambassadors Program is doing very well. She stated the last day is September 1<sup>st</sup>. She said the program is becoming very popular, and people are reaching out to her for next year.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. The HHI Airport Improvement Committee (HXD)**

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

The Committee had 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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The motion to adjourn was made at 2:07 p.m. It passed unanimously.

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**NEXT MEETING**

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September 19, 2024 | 1:30 pm

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