

## **FY 2019-2020 YEAR IN REVIEW**

1. In August of 2020, the Authority received notice that we had been awarded an EDA Grant of \$3,287,800.00 to reconstruct the 28 hangars rendered unsafe by Hurricanes Florence and Dorian; along with a County required match of \$821,950.00 the Authority would embark on a \$4,109,750.00 project.
2. Four of the five old hangar buildings have been demolished to make way for the construction of 28 new T-Hangars.
3. The fifth and final building will be demolished as soon as the Airfield Lighting Vault can be relocated as we begin the hangar reconstruction project.
4. Actual construction of new fuel farm began with the site work being performed by Sunland Construction, the low bidder. The NC DOA approved the use of NPE funds to pay for the site work and tank installation. Carteret County and the LGC approved a \$600,000 advance to pay for the tanks allowing the Authority to repay those funds with the future annual NPE Grants.
5. The Airport Authority hired a new maintenance technician to handle all landscaping duties as well as general field maintenance.
6. Due to Covid-19 concerns, the Authority has moved the monthly meetings to a digital format utilizing ZOOM. Board members have become proficient with the digital platform.
7. The Board has also restructured the meeting format to utilize a “consent agenda.” Regular monthly items are now voted on in total rather than individually resulting in a much more efficient meeting format.
8. The Board has also installed Board Portal software named OnBoard by Passageways. Monthly Board meeting packages are now available online without the need to email and print hundreds of pages of documents on a monthly basis. Historical documents are now housed on the cloud portal, providing additional protection from loss due to storms or fire.
9. The Authority also contracted with WRAL Digital Solutions to develop a web presence for the Michael J. Smith Airfield and the Airport Authority. The online presence became [www.flythecrystalcoast.org](http://www.flythecrystalcoast.org). Our goal is to tie in with other entities in Carteret County that promote the *Crystal Coast*. The website also provides an avenue for the general public to review Authority Board Agenda Packages as well as previous Board meeting minutes. The website also lists all Board Meeting Dates as well as Board Members. As we add additional services, those services will be listed and linked on our website.
10. It is the Board’s goal to embark on a marketing plan through WRAL Digital Solutions to increase regional awareness of the Airport.
11. Authority finances have been audited by Carr, Riggs & Ingram and all was determined to be in order.
12. The Authority has received insurance proceeds for the damaged hangars in the amount of \$1,050,000.00. These funds will cover the required EDA Grant matching funds as well as cover some additional expenses related to the hangar reconstruction project.
13. A new lease has been executed with Crystal Coast Aviation for the management of our FBO operations.
14. A hearty thank you to all Board Members and staff for your support during a very trying 2020.