

## **Carteret County – Beaufort Airport Authority Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting**

**August 24, 2023**

**Members Present:** Robin Comer, Jesse Vinson, John Floyd, Dean Graham, Jimmy Falwell, Bucky Oliver

**Zoom:** Randy Ramsey and Chad Noble – FBO Manager

**Others Present:** Janie Mason – Airport Manager, Peggy Piner – Accounting, Anthony Held – Maintenance & Grounds

**Call to Order:** Chairman Comer called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the conflict-of-interest statement. There were no conflicts.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Oliver asked that 4B & 4C on the consent agenda be moved to after public comment to discuss financials and management report.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to amend the agenda as amended. Chairman Comer seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Vinson made a motion to approve the amended consent agenda. It was seconded by John Floyd and passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

#### **Discussion:**

Mr. Oliver wanted to recognize and compliment the hard work that is shown in the June financial statements. He said he wanted to spend enough time on it to recognize how improved the financial statements are. He wanted to make sure that the results of the hard work in the last year wasn't glazed over and was recognized. He wanted to recognize that the Airport is, at this time, debt free and congratulations are in order. Chairman Comer stated that he concurs.

Mr. Oliver stated that he thinks that some brainstorming needs to be done regarding total package costs and whether some private users might be willing to invest in the infrastructure to get some ground leases completed. Chairman Comer stated that the 321 Rehab project must get completed so ground will be available for more hangars and ground leases. Mr. Oliver stated that he thinks the demand is there. Mr. Vinson stated that Talbert & Bright are currently

doing a study regarding more hangars and ground leases. They will then give us options on what we can do as far as number of hangars and ground leases.

Mr. Floyd asked what the CPI adjustment was, and Mrs. Mason stated it was 3.4%.

Mrs. Mason stated in Talbert & Brights absence that their plan is to start the bidding process in October for the 321 Rehab Project and hope to start construction in early spring.

Chairman Comer recognized John Floyd for his years of service to the Airport Board and he was presented with an award.

Mrs. Mason stated that she had arranged with FBO Manager Chad Noble to have one of the two brand new flight school/tour planes brought over so the Board Members could take a look at it at the conclusion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Vinson to go into closed session. Seconded by Mr. Graham and passed unanimously.

Back in open session:

It was announced with sadness that our RPR Ray Langley passed away unexpectedly. Ray was a big part of our airport serving on many projects and saving the Airport a lot of money on those projects. In appreciation it was asked if a donation in his name could be made. In his obituary it was listed that donations be made to the Big Rock Foundation.

Mr. Vinson made a motion that the Board authorize Mrs. Mason to make a \$250.00 donation to the Big Rock Foundation in memory of Ray Langley on behalf of the Airport Authority. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion and it passed with Mr. Ramsey recusing himself due to his involvement with the Big Rock Foundation.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Floyd seconded. It passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Janie Mason

