

Carteret County-Beaufort Airport Authority

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2024

Members Present: Chris Chadwick, Jesse Vinson, Jimmy Farrington, Dean Graham, Jimmy Falwell, Randy Ramsey, Bucky Oliver.

Zoom: Jay Talbert – Talbert & Bright

Others Present: Janie Mason – Airport Manager, Peggy Piner – Accounting, Chad Noble – FBO Manager

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

Approval of Agenda: Chairman Chadwick stated that the agenda would be amended to delete the Closed Session. A motion was made by Mr. Ramsey to accept the amended agenda. Seconded by Mr. Farrington and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Vinson and passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Eddie Youngblood asked if the Board members had received the proposal, he'd asked to be sent out regarding the resurfacing of Runway 14-32. Ms. Mason assured him she'd sent it out. Chairman Chadwick asked if the proposal was around \$300,000.00. Mr. Youngblood stated that by the time everything was completed it would be around \$300,000.00. Mr. Vinson asked about the response from the Division of Aviation regarding the resurfacing. Ms. Mason stated she would send a copy of the response to all the Board and to Mr. Youngblood. The response reads:

“Decommissioning Runway 14-32 is not mandatory but is strongly recommended based on increasing safety concerns. Pavement condition has been noted on recent 5010 inspection reports with increasing FOD issues. NCDOA cannot support pavement maintenance or rehabilitation for this runway with either state or federal funds since a third runway at MRH is not justified. Without maintenance, the pavement condition will soon deteriorate to the point of forcing closure. An NCDOA Pavement condition survey in 2019 projected pavement failure in 2024. The pavement rehabilitation project on Runway 3-21 is a good opportunity to sever this connection and close the runway.”

Ms. Mason stated that Randy Fender stated that the seal coat is no longer an acceptable option and Mr. Youngblood stated that he was just in Tennessee and that they had done it to their runway, and it was beautiful. Ms. Mason stated that she would send the letter.

New Business: Ms. Mason stated that the bid opening for Runway 3-21 Rehab Project had been held. Three bids were received and a motion for the conditional award, based on the State grant being approved and in place as well as local match funds needed to be approved before contracts are executed. The bid was under budget and S.T. Wooten was the low bidder. Mr. Ramsey made the

motion to approve the award of Project 32-1 Rehab to S.T. Wooten conditionally upon the State grant being approved and in place as well as the local match before the contracts are executed. Mr. Farrington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business: Talbert & Bright – **Runway 3-21** pre-bid meeting was held at Airport on January 31, 2024. Bid opening was held February 20, 2024, at Airport. A revised sedimentation and erosion control permit application was submitted on January 19th due to modifications to the construction haul route. TBI is waiting for the permit approval.

The project was included on the agenda for the November NCDOT BOT meeting for construction and CA funding and was approved. TBI is finalizing a work authorization to provide CA, RPR, and QA testing services and anticipates sending to the Airport next week. The work authorization will be forwarded to the NCDOA for their review once the Airport signs.

Laughton Property Preliminary Permitting Coordination – Subsurface and topographic surveys have been completed. TBI is currently developing a work authorization to complete design and bidding of the preliminary site work for the Laughton property and will forward to the Airport for review following the Runway 3-21 CA WA.

Infield Hangar Development Investigation – TBI developed four alternatives for the infield area hangar development sent to the Airport for review on December 12. TBI met with the airport on February 20th to discuss these alternatives to determine a preferred hangar development alternative for this area. TBI will complete an ALP Pen and Ink Update and submit to the NCDOA once a preferred hangar development alternative is determined.

General Assistance: TBI finalized and submitted the State stormwater permit minor modification for the Ramsey hangar this week.

Chairman Chadwick stated that he had sent a letter to the Town of Beaufort on January 26, 2024, asking for help with fifty percent of the local match for the Runway 3-21 Project. He stated that he had not heard anything back, but Ms. Mason stated that she had received a phone call from the Town Manager and that he was sending a letter requesting information and we should receive it soon. Ms. Mason stated that as soon as she received the letter, she would send him whatever he requested, and we would proceed from there.

Chairman Chadwick asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Vinson and seconded by Mr. Farrington.

Minutes prepared by Janie Mason