

**Carteret County – Beaufort Airport Authority**

**Board Meeting**

**January 22, 2026**

**Members Present:** Chris Chadwick, Vann Parker, Dean Graham, Bucky Oliver, Randy Ramsey, Jimmy Falwell

**Others Present:** Janie Mason – Airport Manager, Peggy Piner – Finance, Anthony Held – Buildings and Grounds, Chad Noble – FBO Manager, Reid Parker – Auditor, Randy Fender – Talbert, Bright & Ellington.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented by Mr. Falwell. It was seconded by Mr. Ramsey and passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Parker, and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers:** Mr. Ramsey made a motion to keep the current slate of officers for Chairman (Chris Chadwick) and Vice Chairman (Dean Graham) and for newly appointed Board Member Patrick Joyce to finish out the Treasurer position in Jesse Vinson's place. It was seconded by Mr. Falwell and passed unanimously.

**Audit Presentation** – Reid Parker of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C.

Mr. Reid Parker stated that the Airport has a lot going on as far as projects but from an audit standpoint it was almost like business as usual. There were not a lot of changes, but he stated he was going to hit some financial highlights. First, he stated that he would talk about what they are hired to do, which is to offer an opinion on the financial statements of the Airport and state whether everything was presented correctly. He stated that the audit report states that in their opinion the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects. He stated that that is a clean audit opinion. He stated that when they finished looking at everything that they did not have any issues with the balances, transactions, presentations or anything of that sort. He stated that the Airport is subject to a single audit this year and they also offered an opinion on the single audit and he is happy

to state that there were no findings regarding the single audit either. Clean opinion on both financial statements and the State major program.

Mr. Oliver stated that the audit shows that our budgeting process, our expenditure and revenues have been extraordinarily close and that he thinks that that reflects good attention to budgeting and good attention to expenditures and revenues. Mr. Reid Parker stated that he does agree and that he feels very comfortable with the Boards involvement and the staff does a great job reviewing each other's work and third-party administrator on all our grant funding so for our size he feels very comfortable about the internal controls and there are no internal control violations. Mr. Ramsey stated that he echoes what Mr. Oliver said and that when he reads through the report it looks very healthy to him and he feels we are going in the right direction. Mr. Reid Parker stated that if, during the year, anyone has any questions to please feel free to reach out to him and that he enjoys working with the Airport and feels it's a very good working relationship.

Chairman Chadwick called for a motion to accept the audit as presented. The motion was made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Oliver and passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

**Arts in Beaufort.** Vic Fasolino, B.J. Vincent, Wendy Davidson

Mr. Fasolino stated that they would like to get started on the murals as soon as the weather warms. They presented the Board with examples of the murals, to scale, that they wish to paint. They stated that they would like to be working on it through the Big Rock Tournament and hopefully be finished for July 4<sup>th</sup> because this is the 250<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for America and they would like to have a dedication ceremony over that weekend if we can pull it together. Mr. Oliver asked them if they had the money to do the project and Mr. Fasolino stated that they have  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the money but if the Board approves of the drawing, they can then raise the rest of the money. Mr. Oliver stated that that is great. Mr. Fasolino stated that it's always easier to raise money when you can show someone what the art will look like. Chairman Chadwick asked for a motion to approve the artwork as presented. Mr. Ramsey made the motion to accept the art as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Parker and passed unanimously.

**Talbert, Bright and Ellington Update:** Randy Fender

### **Runway 3-21 Rehabilitation Construction**

TBE is continuing to work with the FAA on the 7480 to officially decommission Runway 14-32.

TBE worked with the Airport to confirm the potential obstructions found during the 18B survey. The 18B process is now complete and we are waiting for confirmation from the FAA that we're ready for the flight check.

It is estimated that Flight checks to chart Runway 4-22 are scheduled to be completed early this year. PAPIs will remain out of service until this flight check has been completed.

### **East Hangar Taxilanes, Apron and Site Work**

A major modification to the Airport's stormwater permit was submitted for this project on September 22nd. TBE has responded to the 1st round of comments from the NCDEQ on this modification and is waiting for a response from the state.

The 90% submission will be finalized after the stormwater permit is approved to ensure all required stormwater infrastructure is incorporated into the design.

### **NC-101 Relocation**

TBE received the preliminary road alignment from Wetherill and has forwarded it to the Airport.

With the alignment and preliminary layout finalized, Wetherill is currently working on the 60% documents.

### **Runway 26 Extension Land Acquisition**

Discussions are still ongoing with R&L Beaufort and 457 NC 101 Investments regarding the acquisition of the required properties.

TBE is currently awaiting a drainage plan in CAD format from 457 NC 101 Investments for review and coordination with the Airport before we proceed with the next steps.

With the alignment of NC-101 and its ROW finalized, TBE is currently evaluating the potential land swap between the Airport and R&L Beaufort.

### **Airport Road Rehabilitation**

The 60% Submittal Package was submitted to the Airport and NCDOA for review on October 29th. No comments have been received at this time.

TBE has continued to work on the 90% submission and will submit that for review following receipt of the 60% comments.

**Maintenance Building update:** Chairman Chadwick stated that they had to bust up the corner concrete and put in some new plumbing. The footings have been dug, and the concrete will be poured on Friday. Power will be installed and hopefully the building will be delivered in a few weeks.

He stated that we had plumbing issues in the administration building. Roots in the septic tank that had to be taken care of. The pump was also running continuously so that had to be repaired as well.

Ms. Mason stated that the ditch cleanup has been started. Chairman Chadwick stated that Chandler Taylor of East Coast Land and Tree has been doing the work and it's looking really good. Chairman Chadwick also stated that Mr. Taylor will be cleaning up the Law Enforcement Property as well.

A motion was made to go into a closed session by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Graham, and passed unanimously.

Returned to open session.

A motion was made by Mr. Ramsey to direct TELICS through Talbert, Bright and Ellington to negotiate with R & L Properties to purchase the property fee simple at the appraised value. In the event they are not willing to sell the property the Airport would consider a land swap with R&L bearing all the expenses of new surveys, appraisals, and all expenses related to the swap. Those expenses would have to be paid to the Airport Authority as they are billed. The transaction will have to be equal to both parties and the transaction closed on as soon as possible. It was seconded by Mr. Oliver and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Graham and passed unanimously.

Minutes presented by: Janie Mason