



A SPECIAL CALLED JOINT WORKSHOP
WITH THE AIRPORT COMMISSION WILL
BE CONDUCTED WITH THE COUNTY
COUNCIL.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
and
JASPER COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION**
SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP
Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Agenda

5:00PM

- **Call to Order by Chairman Sauls**

Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

*****In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification*****

- **Pledge to the Flag and Invocation**
- **Approval of Agenda**
- **Avery Cleland, Airport Commission Chairman: *Introduction of Guests***
- ***Discussion of Airport Matters***
- **Adjourn**

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting was posted on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place and on the county website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the local news media and posted at the meeting location twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

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August 20, 2024

Jasper County Council Workshop Reference Documents for E Packet

Topic One: Hangar Lease Policy

Topic Two: Airport Commission Duties and Authority

Topic Three: Aviation Fuel

Topic Four: Fee Structure

Topic Five: Airport Reviews

Topic Six: Airport Maintenance (no E Packet items)

Topic Seven: Access to Airport Amenities (no E Packet items)

Topic Eight: Turf Operating Area (no E Packet items)

Topic Nine: Airport Security and Emergency Responder Access (no E packet items)

Wanda Simmons

From: Richard Dean <richarddean102@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 12:36 PM
To: Wanda Simmons
Subject: Council Workshop E Packet Items
Attachments: August 20 2024 Council Commission Workshop Topic List.docx; Michael Hodges Bio 8-15-24.pdf; Airport Commission Ordinance 8-15-24.pdf; 2024 AVIATION FUELS REPORT GALLONS 080824.pdf; 3J1 AIRPORT SCHEDULE OF FEES FY 24 - 25 041824.pdf; Fore Flight Comments 8-15-24.pdf

Sorry I'm late with this. The computer Gods have not been kind to me today!

Attached is a Topics Document to reference the E packet items included as attachments.

In order the documents should be:

Topic One - Michael Hodges bio
Topic two - Airport Commission Ordinance
Topic three - Aviation Fuels Report
Topic four - Airport Fee Structure
Topic five - Airport Reviews

The other topics have no associated documents for the E packet.

Thanks very much for your help!

-Richard Dean
704-572-2902

Topic One –
Michael Hodges bio
(to discuss the
Hangar Lease Policy)



Personnel

Diversity and Experience

Michael A. Hodges

Roberta "Bobbi" Thompson

Randy D. Bisgard

Don Beckman

Sarah E. Smith



Michael A. Hodges, MAI
President and Chief Executive Officer

The President/CEO and Founder of *Airport Business Solutions* is Michael A. Hodges, MAI. Michael is responsible for ABS' Asheville headquarters and oversees all of the organization's operations, as well as being responsible for quality control and business development.

Michael started in the commercial real estate industry in 1982. After completing a number of valuations and feasibility studies on aviation facilities between 1988 and 1995, he founded The Aviation Appraisal Group to concentrate solely on aviation valuation and consulting. The company name was later changed to *Airport Business Solutions* to better reflect the diversity of services offered to clients beyond traditional valuation services.

Michael's real estate background is significant in that the unique combination of experience in both commercial real estate and aviation operations and management is essential in the completion of many projects. In addition, having analyzed and consulted for numerous non-aviation businesses prior to his exclusive focus on the aviation industry, Michael offers unique and fresh perspectives on creative ways of dealing with issues facing aviation businesses and airport management. As a result of the unique approach to problem-solving, he has worked on a variety of projects throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean. Thinking "outside the box" is one of the specialties of Michael and ABS.

Michael has been published and interviewed on numerous occasions in aviation publications worldwide on a variety of aviation issues. He is a regular speaker and contributor at aviation conferences throughout the United States, as well as internationally. Along with other ABS staff, Michael provides an annual two-day seminar for the American Association of Airport Executives entitled "Essentials of Airport Business Management Workshop." (This seminar/workshop was previously identified as the "Basics of Small Airport Management.")

Michael is one of most respected professionals in the industry, and strives to provide each and every client with the personal attention, comprehensive problem-solving, and attention to detail that they expect and deserve.

Topic two –
Airport Commission
Ordinance

DIVISION 7. AIRPORT COMMISSION

Sec. 2-210. Purpose.

The purpose of the Jasper County Airport Commission (Airport Commission) shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the Jasper County Council regarding aviation matters, and exercise such powers and authorities as are committed to the Airport Commission pursuant to state law.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-211. Duties.

- (a) To forward to County Council for each fiscal year ending on June 30th, by April 30 of the following calendar year, a report of the work of the Airport Commission for that fiscal year;
- (b) Make recommendations to the airport manager for the airport annual expense and revenue budget for the operation of the Ridgeland - Claude Dean Airport;
- (c) Recommend acquisition by grant, purchase, lease, condemnation or otherwise real property and rights-of-way for airport and aeronautical purposes;
- (d) Review and make recommendations on updates to the airport master plan and/or airport layout plan;
- (e) Recommend matters concerning planning and construction of new airport facilities;
- (f) Recommend plans for the maintenance and future uses of the airport;
- (g) Review with an opportunity to comment on amendments to the Airport Compatibility Overlay District (ACOD) and permit requests for matters within the ACOD;
- (h) Make recommendations on other policy and operational issues.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-212. Composition.

- (a) The Airport Commission shall be composed of five (5) members appointed by the Jasper County Council. For convenience, the five seats shall be identified as numerical Seat #1-AC, Seat #2-AC, and so forth. Each Councilmember shall nominate one person to serve as a Commission member. In the event the nominated person is not appointed by the Council by majority vote, the councilmember making such nomination shall be entitled to nominate additional persons for consideration.
- (b) The term of office for Airport Commission members shall be two (2) years, and may serve for a total of three terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to implement the Airport Commission and provide for a staggering of terms, all presently serving members of the Aeronautics Commission are terminated effective upon the appointment of the newly constituted Airports Commission, and even number Seats shall for the initial term only have a term of three (3) years, and thereafter even number seats will have two year terms. All terms shall end on December 31. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Appointments to fill vacancies for an unexpired term shall expire at the scheduled time for that seat; provided that serving less than one-half of the term for that seat shall not count against the number of terms for which that appointee is eligible.

- (c) No member of the Airport Commission shall hold an elected public office.
- (d) Members of the Airport Commission shall meet the qualifications for appointments as set forth in Section 2-78 of the Code of Ordinances, may be removed by County Council for the reasons as set forth in such Section, and except as specifically provided for within this Division, are subject to the other provisions of Section 2-78; provided, however, notwithstanding the residency requirement of Section 2-78 (a), non-residents owning businesses and/or properties in Jasper County may be appointed to fill no more than two commission seats; and all candidates should bring business and tourism experiences and acumen to the Commission.
- (e) In addition to the five appointed commissioners, the county administrator, the Ridgeland town manager, and the airport manager shall serve as non-voting and ex-officio members of the airport Commission.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-213. Training.

Within three months of the member's appointment and at such other times as may be required by county council, the member shall attend a training session provided by the county on the topics of meeting procedures, fiduciary duties, airport policy, aviation policy and other responsibilities and duties of a commission member.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-214. Compensation.

The members of the Airport Commission shall not receive any compensation for their services. However, members shall be reimbursed or otherwise provided for when attending conferences, training, etc. as may be approved by the county administrator.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-215. Meetings.

- (a) The Airport Commission shall meet quarterly, and at other times at the call of the Commission chairman or by any two members upon actual notice to each member and posting and notice in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.
- (b) During the first meeting in January of each year, the membership shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. At that meeting, a schedule of regular quarterly meetings will be adopted, including the date for the first meeting in January of the following year. The names of the officers and a copy of the meeting schedule shall be forwarded to the clerk to council.
- (c) The Commission may adopt meeting procedures for the conduct of its meetings which meet the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act; unless specific modifications are adopted, the procedures provided for by Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, as adjusted therein for meetings of small boards, shall be used by the Commission.

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- (d) A member of the Commission who misses three consecutive meetings of the Commission during the calendar year shall be promptly reported to county council.
 - (e) A majority of voting members must be present in person to constitute a quorum and vote on matters; participation and voting by video or telephone is allowed provided such is in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and an in-person quorum is maintained.
 - (f) Matters shall be determined by majority vote unless otherwise provided by law.
 - (g) The meeting place shall be as provided for by the county administrator.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-216. Records and reports.

- (a) The Airport Commission shall maintain records of its meetings and shall forward copies of the minutes of each meeting to the county council within 30 calendar days of each meeting. The minutes shall reflect the date of the meeting, the members present and the business considered and decided. The Commission secretary shall prepare the minutes of each meeting and forward them to the office of the county clerk to council for distribution to county council.
- (b) The Commission shall timely provide, in addition to the annual report required by section 2-211(a), such other reports as requested by county council concerning its activities.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-217. Freedom of information.

The Jasper County Airport Commission is a public body within the meaning of section 30-4-10, et seq., of the Code of Laws of South Carolina of 1976, as amended, also known as the Freedom of Information Act and, as such, is required to provide public notice of its meetings and agendas and to attempt to notify the press thereof as required by the Act.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Sec. 2-218. Legal counsel.

In the event the Airport Commission requires the advice of legal counsel, the Commission shall first contact the county administrator to request the legal services of the county attorney. If for any reason, the county attorney is unable to advise or represent the Commission, the county attorney shall so advise the Commission, county administrator and county council. The county council, upon recommendation by the county administrator, may provide substitute counsel, if deemed necessary by county council.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19)

Secs. 2-219—2-400. Reserved.

Chapter 29 AVIATION

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 29-1. Ownership and authority.

- (a) Jasper County is the owner of the land structures, improvements and appurtenances of the Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport, and has the right to and does hereby regulate all commercial enterprises using the airport, whether such operations are aeronautical or non-aeronautical in nature. No commercial operation of any kind shall be conducted on the airport without specific approval, as delegated by Jasper County Council to the county administrator.
- (b) Pursuant to South Carolina Acts and Joint Resolutions Act No. 12 (1949), The General Assembly of South Carolina created the Jasper County Aeronautics Commission ("County Aeronautics Commission"), which, among other things, provides that certain powers and authorities are granted to the commission, and that these powers and authorities extended are cumulative and in addition to all powers and authorities said commission may have by virtue of the provisions of any other Act, Statute or law.
- (c) Pursuant to section 4-9-70 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976 as amended), county council has the appointive powers for all boards committees and commissions whose appointment is not provided for by general law or the Constitution; accordingly county council has provided for appointments to the Jasper County Airport (formerly) Aeronautics Commission in Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 7 (being sections 2-210 et seq. of the codified Jasper County Code of Ordinances), as well as certain other matters related to the Jasper County Airport Commission.
- (d) Jasper County has delegated certain powers regarding operation and other matters of the Jasper County Claude Dean Airport to the County Aeronautics Commission or the county administrator, as set forth hereinafter and other sections of the Code of Ordinances, including chapter 29 of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances.
- (e) Pursuant to the Home Rule Act, control of the Jasper County Aeronautics Commission, by ordinances of Jasper County previously abolished and replaced by the Jasper County Airport Commission, has been brought under County Council control, and ownership of the real property comprising the Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport is vested in Jasper County. In order to avoid confusion, all property previously titled in the name of the Jasper County Aeronautics Commission shall be quit-claimed to Jasper County by deed executed by the County Administrator, ex-officio member of the Aeronautics Commission and the Airports Commission, on behalf of the Jasper County Aeronautics Commission (as succeeded by the Airports Commission) within a reasonable time after enactment of Ordinance 2023-02 to be filed in the public records, and all properties, leases structures, improvements and appurtenances of the Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport are confirmed to be owned by Jasper County, not the Aeronautics Commission, except for any personal property of hangar and their improvements yet to be reverted to County ownership by virtue of any hangar lease agreement.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19

as amended by Ord. No. O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Sec. 29-2. Applicability.

- (a) All ordinances of the county shall be and are hereby made applicable to Ridgeland - Claude Dean Airport and shall be enforceable as if the airport were situated entirely within the unincorporated limits of Jasper County, South Carolina pursuant to the authority of South Carolina Code of Laws 55-9-30, *Establishment of Airports*.
- (b) All law enforcement powers of the sheriffs department to enforce the laws of Jasper County, the State of South Carolina and the United States of America are hereby confirmed to apply to airport facilities, pursuant to the authority of South Carolina Code of Laws 55-9-360, *Administration and Enforcement of Airport Regulations*.
- (c) This chapter shall apply to all prospective and current users and tenants of the Ridgeland - Claude Dean Airport and all improvements thereon.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. No. O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Sec. 29-3. Statement of policy.

- (a) Jasper County and the County Airport Commission shall provide at the Ridgeland - Claude Dean Airport a fair and reasonable opportunity, without unlawful discrimination, to applicants to qualify or otherwise compete, for available airport facilities and the furnish selected aeronautical activities subject to the minimum standards established by the county. The county has the right to revise ordinances and resolutions, from time to time, relating to:
 - (1) The Jasper County Airport Commission
 - (2) Rules and Regulations
 - (3) Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Services
 - (4) Minimum Standards for Aircraft Hangar Construction
 - (5) Airport Compatibility Overlay District
- (b) These standards, among other things, set forth the minimum requirements to be met by individuals, groups, or organizations seeking to use or conduct aeronautical activities at the airport.
- (c) The county's objectives in adopting these standards are to protect the level and quality of aeronautical activities offered to the public, and to encourage the development of quality aeronautical services and facilities at the airport. All operators, being defined as any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association or group providing any one or a combination of aeronautical services to or for aviation users at the airport, are encouraged to exceed the minimums.
- (d) Prior to starting any operation(s), a potential operator must enter into a written contract with the county. The contract will cite the terms and conditions under which the aeronautical activities will be conducted on the airport, including, but not limited to, the term of the agreement, the fees and charges, and the rights and obligations of the respective parties.
- (e) The granting of such right or privilege, however shall not be construed to extend to any operator or prospective operator any exclusive or continuing right of use of the premises or facilities of the airport, other than those premises leased exclusively to the operator, for the term of the lease, and then only to the extent in the written lease.
- (f) Lease terms shall not exceed fifty (50) years for a full service fixed base operator, and thirty (30) years for other limited service fixed base operators. The standard ground lease term for other leases shall be twenty

(20) years plus possible option(s) totaling ten (10) years for hangars constructed after 2020. Lease renewal terms for ground leases for properties previously leased and improved by a tenant for more than twenty (20) years, shall not exceed five (5) years, or ten (10) years if substantial structural improvements were made to a hangar after 2015 totaling more than \$50,000, with amortization of those improvements to be determined in accordance with the adopted Aviation Lease Policy adopted contemporaneously herewith. Extensions on existing leases shall be made by replacement leases in accordance with the Aviation Leasing Policy ("Exhibit B" to Ordinance O-2023-02) adopted contemporaneously herewith, which also provides for additional time in the event the Tenant requests permission to make capital improvements or requests a Reversionary Deferred Lease Agreement as defined therein. Improvements, structures or facilities built, to be built, constructed, or placed upon the airport shall revert to the county upon termination of the lease or contract with the county if not removed in accordance with the provisions of the Aviation Leasing Policy, if such removal is allowed under the terms of the ground lease in effect.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. No. O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Sec. 29-4. Finances.

- (a) County council may appropriate to the airport such sums of money deemed necessary for acquiring, establishing, developing, operating, maintaining and controlling the airport.
- (b) Airport fees shall be set forth in the fee schedule adopted by county council resolution from time to time.
- (c) The county administrator shall set the airport fuel and consumable prices, after consultation with the airport manager.
- (d) All revenues derived from the airport must be obligated to expenses incurred at or on behalf of the airport.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. No. O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Sec. 29-5. Waivers.

- (a) The county may waive all or any portion of these standards for the benefit of governmental agencies performing public services for:
 - (1) The general public in time of emergency;
 - (2) Emergency medical or rescue services to the public;
 - (3) Fire prevention or firefighting operations.
- (b) Waivers by the county may be made by resolution, or by the exercise of authority delegated to the county administrator by county council.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. No. O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Secs. 29-6—29-15. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. JASPER COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION

Sec. 29-16. Authority.

- (a) In accordance with state law and as provided in section 29-1 above, the Jasper County Airport Commission has been created and empowered in regards to the operation, maintenance and control of the Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport. Provisions regarding such are found in Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 7 of the Code of Ordinances.
- (b) Pursuant to the powers and authorities provided to Jasper County, and as owner of the Ridgeland Claude Dean Airport, Jasper County hereby adopts the following articles regarding rules and regulations, minimum standards for aeronautical services, and minimum standards for hangar construction. Provisions regarding the Airport Compatibility Overlay District have previously been adopted and are set forth in section 8.3 of appendix A of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. No. O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Secs. 29-17—29-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 29-21. Rules and regulations.

- (a) County council hereby adopts by reference *Rules and Regulations, May 7, 2019* edition, as amended by the June 9, 2023 Ordinance No. O-2023-02).
- (b) A copy of such *Rules and Regulations, May 7, 2019* edition as amended shall be maintained in the office of the county Clerk to Council and in the office of the airport manager.
- (c) County council may amend the *Rules and Regulations* by resolution adopted by county council from time to time.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. No. O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Secs. 29-22—29-25. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR AERONAUTICAL SERVICES

Sec. 29-26. Minimum standards for aeronautical services.

- (a) County council hereby adopts by reference *Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Services, May 8, 2019* edition.
- (b) A copy of such *Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Services, May 8, 2019* edition shall be maintained in the office of the county Clerk to Council and in the office of the airport manager
- (c) County council may amend the *Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Services*, by resolution adopted by county council from time to time.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. NO O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Secs. 29-27—29-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR AIRCRAFT HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

Sec. 29-31. Minimum standards for aircraft hangar construction.

- (a) County council hereby adopts by reference *Minimum Standards for Aircraft Hangar Construction*, May 10, 2019 edition.
- (b) A copy of such *Minimum Standards for Aircraft Hangar Construction*, May 10, 2019 edition shall be maintained in the office of the county Clerk to Council and in the office of the airport manager.
- (c) County council may amend the *Minimum Standards for Aircraft Hangar Construction* by resolution adopted by county council from time to time.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. NO O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Secs. 29-32—29-35. Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. AIRPORT COMPATIBILITY OVERLAY DISTRICT

Sec. 29-36. Airport compatibility overlay district.

- (a) County council has previously adopted maps, terms and conditions for the Airport Compatibility Overlay District by Ordinance dated April 7, 2014, codified at section 8.3 of appendix A of the County Code of Ordinances.
- (b) The provisions of the Airport Compatibility Overlay District standards may be amended from time to time by ordinance adopted by county council pursuant to provisions of the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, as amended.

(Ord. No. 2019-14, § 1, 6-18-19 as amended by Ord. NO O-2023-02 6-20-23)

Secs. 29-37—29-100. Reserved.

Topic three – Aviation Fuels Report

RIDGELAND – CLAUDE DEAN AIRPORT (3J1)

AVIATION FUELS REPORT 2024

August 8, 2024

YEAR 2024	AVGAS TRANSACTIONS	AVGAS GALLONS	JET A TRANSACTIONS	JET A GALLONS	TOTAL (Gallons)
January	23	485	15	3,020	3,505
February	29	751	10	1,821	2,572
March	31	977	13	3,384	4,361
April	37	824	25	4,897	5,721
May	35	959	14	2,908	3,867
June	37	882	7	1,472	2,354
July	40	1,067	8	301	1,368
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
TOTAL	232	5,945	92	17,803	23,748

Topic four – Airport Fee Structure



SCHEDULE OF FEES – Budget FY 24 - 25
Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport

Fuel (Aviation Gasoline) – Full-Service	Commodity Pricing
Fuel (Jet -A) - Full-Service	Commodity Pricing
After Hours Fee (Prior Approval Required)	\$ 200
Crew/Pax Transport Fee (Flat Rate)	\$ 80
Daily Outdoor Basing Fee Grass (Piston)	\$ 10
Monthly Outdoor Basing Fee Grass (Piston)	\$ 60
Monthly Outdoor Ramp Fee (Single-Engine Piston)	\$ 120
Monthly Outdoor Basing Fee (Aircraft In Transport Trailer)	\$ 110
Monthly Outdoor Basing Fee (Pole Barn, per stall)	\$ 70
Monthly Outdoor Ramp Fee (Light Piston Twin)	\$ 150
Monthly Outdoor Ramp Fee (Heavy Piston Twin)	\$ 550
Monthly Outdoor Ramp Fee (Turbine)	\$ 550
Daily Ramp Fee (SE Piston) waived (15-gallon fuel purchase)	\$ 40
Daily Ramp Fee (ME Piston) waived (20-gallon fuel purchase)	\$ 70
Daily Ramp Fee (Turbine) waived (60-gallon fuel purchase)	\$ 140
Long-term Vehicle Parking Fee, Monthly	\$ 60
Vehicle Parking Fee, Daily	\$ 10
Ice	\$ 7
Hangar Ground Lease Rate	\$0.28/square foot

Topic five – Airport Reviews

Close

3J1

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Remarks

Comments

John D.

1mo ago

Used to be great. Not so much any more with new management. No self serve, had to call for fuel for a piston twin. Took 15 minutes for them to get there (this was during normal operating hours it wasn't call out) had three guys to fuel the plane. Didn't like the way the "foreman" spoke to his guys. Also no pilot/pac access to fbo or facilities. I would never even think of coming into 3j1 with passengers.

Rocket1

6mo ago

This used to be the best and friendliest airport in SC. Sadly No longer. Totally poor management has ruined this place. Fuel is completely unreasonable and staff has no clue on how to handle and service turbine and jet aircraft. Titan should be ashamed to even hang their sign.

Christopher E.

7mo ago

3J1 - Ridgeland - Claude Dean has invested massively in the support, services and people and lots of great changes coming fast. I had to land there today bc gusts were a bit much and they treated us like gold. Brian, Lenny and Danny are a treasure. Thank you. I'd strongly recommend a visit.

John R.

7mo ago

Another STAY AWAY comment. The staff acts as if they are doing you a favor. The manager has been miserable to deal with for years. Prices are thru the roof. They charged me \$640.00 more for parking and what I would pay for fuel in Savannah for a three night stay. I emailed with no results. Other pilots have told me of similar issues here The attitude has been an issue for years. I hoped they would change but have not. Go to Savannah and rent a car. Really sad because it's a nice airport.

Kevin M.

1y ago

STAY AWAY...!!!! If you need fuel go to Hampton County Airport (3J0) 23 NM apart. It's less expensive, self serve, and you won't have to deal with staff that feels GA is no business at Ridgeland.

Chris G.

1y ago

DO NOT GET GAS HERE !!!!! WORST FBO IVE EVER DELT WITH THESE GUYS ARE IDIOTS ...REFUSED A RADIO CHECK ALSO .. ADVISED THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK ON RADIO LOL

Hugh C.

1y ago

Made a precautionary landing on a Saturday. No ATIS/AWOS.

Talked to the line guy, airport apparently unstaffed Sunday and Monday, fuel available during business hours Tues - Sat from fuel trucks, no self-service.

Cameron

1y ago

No more 24 hour self-serve! New management (The County) shut-down the 24 hour self serve 100LL. Transient traffic, you will want to look into other local airports. Airport manager is not letting any piston aircraft park on the ramp, as it is reserved for "jets and turboprops". They offer full-service fuel, but request a 24 hour advance notice & the hours are VERY sporadic. Save yourself the hassle & go else where!

n10au

1y ago

Landed here on a Sunday. The self serve was out of fuel. The FBO was locked up and there was no one there. Called the number and there was no answer. left a message and still no call back. Landed here about 6 months ago with

Close

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Remarks

Comments

Landed here on a Sunday. The self serve was out of fuel. The FBO was locked up and there was no one there. Called the number and there was no answer, left a message and still no call back. I stopped here about 6 months ago with no issues. This time was a different story. Talked to locals and they said the management was only interested in jets and turboprops. Locals also said airport manager had run the self serve operator out of business and implemented ramp fees. Flew over to Buford Executive Airport ARW to get fuel. They were happy to sell us fuel.

Jeffrey H.

1y ago

I've recently checked into parking at Ridgeland airport, they have like 10 asphalt tie downs and 3 more right by the FBO area. The airport manager recommended me to 4 other airports in the area saying that the tie down area was for jets and turbo props. It was frustrating to say the least. The best offer was a grass area that was not acceptable. Not really sure how many jets and turbo props come in to Ridgeland airport but turning away business for a small airport for an airport that doesn't even have an approach. Jet operators have to get extra insurance for less than 5000 foot runway, hence the one that ran off the runway. I think Beaufort airport will be a better recommendation, they have tie downs and an actual list for hanger space and a system in place for future space, unlike the reception I had at Ridgeland airport. The 24 hour in advance fueling is the first I've ever heard of so transit planes should avoid the field all together if that is true. A bad review is not my intent

Steven S.

1y ago

Transient pilot was told on Wednesday Dec 7, 2022 by the Airport Manager that he needed to schedule fuel at least 24 hours in advance, even during normal operating hours. He departed with 7 gallons of gas to fly to Beaufort Executive Airport to get gas. UFN go somewhere else for fuel.

Dustin M.

1y ago

Randy Lucas the airport manager was phenomenal. I called prior to arriving and Destiny informed me that there were Ubers and Lyft arrival. This is NOT the case. You will need to call ahead and reserve a rental car unless someone is going to pick you up at the airport. Anyway we landed close to 5:10 and Randy directed me to a tie down spot and helped with our luggage and then had one of the line guys carry us to our hotel which was in Bluffton, SC (25-30 minute drive) from airport. Charge was \$80 and extremely glad they were able to help us out as we were stranded. He waived after hours fee for us which we were thankful.

Dustin M.

1y ago

Their number is 843-547-8380

James K.

1y ago

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There's a nice new ramp area with tiedown hooks. Bring long ropes. The ramp is at the TL (taxilane) sign. However, there's no pedestrian gate and no indication of how to get the vehicle gate open, so it's a long walk across a field and a ditch from the tiedown ramp to your vehicle or the tiny terminal building. You wonder who laid out this airport.

John T.

3y ago

There are no tie-downs on the pavement or in the grass for transient aircraft and no signage or guidance of where to park. Bring your own stakes and then figure it out.

Will P.

4y ago

All new runway lighting has been installed. New taxiway markings as well. Fuel prices are a bit high for the field due to its Not county owned but a individual put it in that has a plane on the field and to get fuel delivered its high priced. Down the road the county will be providing this service when the new FBO is completed.

Casey P.

4y ago

Gas is WAY over priced! I hope they fix there pricing so more people will stop in to fuel up. Even the local hanger owners fly to Hampton to fuel up and then fly back to Ridgeland. Sad they let that happen, because everyone at the airport is super nice. Stop in to say hi, not for the gas!

Fabrizio S.

5y ago

A new wider and longer 18/36 runway is available.

W L.

5y ago

Fuel prices are high compared to 3J0. Mechanic at this airport is fantastic!

Jerry

7y ago

Nice local airport. Easy to get in and out of the Hilton Head area. Decent fuel prices too.

Sam M.

10y ago

If winds allow, I recommend approach to runway 03 instead of 21 to avoid low level flight over a school.