

RESOLUTION 18-21 - RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE NEW CASTLE AIRPORT AND EXECUTION OF AVIGATION EASEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the operator of the New Castle Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, as the operator of the New Castle Airport is responsible for the operational safety of the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (the “FAA”) has conducted an obstruction study (the “study”) at the Airport that identified areas impact to the airspace surfaces in the approaches to the airfield runways; and

WHEREAS, based upon the findings of the Study, the FAA awarded a grant for the acquisition of avigation easements on approximately 93 parcels surrounding the airport in order to protect these airspace surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the Authority was not able to acquire the avigation easements for all 93 parcels in 2012; and

WHEREAS, several those parcel owners now desire to sell the avigation easement to the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has agreed to fund 90% of the purchase price of these avigation easements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the purchase of avigation easements at the New Castle Airport, with the advice and consent of counsel.

A motion to approve Resolution 18-21 was made by Vice-Chairperson Lowe, seconded by Commissioner Ford, and approved by a roll call vote of 12-0.

Resolution 18-21 Executive Summary

Resolution: Authorizing the Executive Director to execute the purchase of aviation easements at the New Castle Airport.

Committee: Economic Development

Committee Date: June 19, 2018

Board Date: June 19, 2018

Purpose of Resolution: To permit the Executive Director to execute aviation easements relating to the approach surfaces at the New Castle Airport.

Background for Resolution:

In 2006, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded an obstruction study at the New Castle Airport. This study identified obstructions to the Part 77 surfaces at the airport. In 2008, the FAA funded the removal of existing obstructions on property with existing easements in place. In 2012, the FAA funded the acquisitions of easements on properties within the approaches to the airport in order to protect the airspace over those properties. The final phase of the project is planned for 2018. As residents of the community have received notice of our impending project, several property owners that previously were unwilling or unable to sell their easement are now interested in doing so. The estimated total project cost is \$50,000.00

This resolution will allow the Executive Director, with the advice of counsel to execute additional aviation easements at the New Castle Airport as part of a FAA funded initiative.