The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission Announces New Airport Director



KILN, MS – The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission has appointed Chanse Watson as Airport Director for the Stennis International Airport (KHSA). In his role, Mr. Watson is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating activities, construction, maintenance and operations of airport and spaceport facilities. Mr. Watson began his new position on September 3, 2019.

Chanse Watson "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to assist in the continued growth and excellence of Stennis International Airport, as well as the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission," Mr. Watson said. "I'd like to focus on expansion of airport operations, services and supporting existing relationships – as well as developing new ones."

Mr. Watson has worked in airports and aviation for almost 10 years, most recently having served as Airport Manager of Louisiana Regional Airport in Gonzales, LA.

A Louisiana native, Mr. Watson graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management. Upon graduation, Mr. Watson interned for New Orleans International Airport, where he later worked as Airport Operations Supervisor. He also served in the role of Assistant Airport Director for Lakefront Airport from 2015 to 2018.

Mr. Watson earned his Private Pilot Certificate in 2005 and has plans to complete his Instrument Rating.

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