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### **Charlotte County Airport Authority board elects 2018 officers**

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (Dec. 29, 2017) – The board of commissioners for the Charlotte County Airport Authority has elected its 2018 officers. The Charlotte County Airport Authority board of commissioners includes five members, each elected for a four-year term.

James Herston will serve as chair; Robert Hancik, vice chair; Kathleen Coppola, secretary/treasurer; and Paul Andrews, assistant secretary/treasurer.

Herston has served on the Authority board since 2008 representing District 5. A registered professional engineer, he is CEO and president of Herston Engineering Services Inc. Herston also serves as chair of the Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency, vice chair of the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization and a governing board member of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.

An Accredited Airport Executive, Hancik represents District 2. He is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Missouri Airport Managers Association.

With a background in real estate and market research, Coppola has served more than 26 years on the board representing District 4. A Charlotte County resident for 40 years, she has a long history of community involvement and volunteerism.

Andrews has a diverse military and aviation background. A Florida resident since 2000, he is a Broker Associate with a Graduate Realtor Institute designation and represents District 3.

Pam Seay, an attorney and full professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, continues to serve on the board as the District 1 representative, a position she has held for more than 20 years.

#### **About Punta Gorda Airport**

The Charlotte County Airport Authority, governed by five elected commissioners, owns and operates the Punta Gorda Airport, located at 28000 Airport Road, five minutes east of I-75, Exit 161. The Airport Authority is a nontaxing entity and operates as an enterprise fund, totally supported by revenue generated from its operations, including rental car concession, parking, fuel sales and hangar, building and land leases. In 2016, the Airport Authority was awarded Florida Department of Transportation's Outstanding Commercial Service Airport of the Year Award in recognition of Punta Gorda Airport's superior achievement. Punta Gorda Airport provides quick and easy access to Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Sarasota, Naples, Punta Gorda, Englewood and all of Southwest Florida. For more information, visit [www.flypgd.com](http://www.flypgd.com).

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