

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**August 31, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m. West Columbia, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Gregg A. Malphrus, Chairman, At-large  
William M. McKown, Vice-Chairman & District 1  
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA, Secretary &  
District 2  
Ira E. Coward II, District 3  
Robert E. Walker, District 4  
Barry G. Avent, District 5  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary  
Hugh Tuttle, Jr., Chief Pilot  
Neil Baker, Chief of Aircraft Maintenance  
Paul Gravesandy, Aircraft Maintenance  
John Young, Pilot

**Visitors:**

Jim Hamilton, Commissioner Emeritus  
John Hodge, Esq., Haynsworth, Sinker, Boyd  
Katie Koon, SCAA Manager  
Ron Prestage, Manager, Woodward Field, Kershaw  
Derrick K. McFarland, Assistant General Counsel, B&CB

**Visitors (Cont'd)**

Frank Manning, Columbia Metropolitan Airport & SCAA  
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.  
Marion Hope, SCAA  
John C. West, Jr., Kershaw County Airport Commission

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

**Chairman Malphrus** called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman Malphrus** presented the minutes of the June 24, 2010 Commission meeting for approval. **Secretary McKay** made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, and all approved.

**Aviation Taxes (Fuel & Property)**

Mr. Manning of the SCAA gave brief remarks on the presentation to the TRAC Commission concerning the information given on behalf of the SCAA stating in most cases it was accurate; however, in one instance it was not and the SCAA apologizes for the error. The report seemed to emphasize registration of aircraft but the SCAA is not taking a position.

Mr. Werts gave a synopsis on the counties and their present property rates. The most populous counties are still carrying the 10.5 percent rate. Mr. Werts also reported no response from his letter to the Department of Revenue (DOR) sent in April. By consensus of the Commission, it was agreed that Mr. Werts and Chairman Malphrus would request a meeting with Mr. Cleland of DOR within the next couple of weeks.

**Projects for Consideration**

**Anderson Regional Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Anderson Regional Airport for a pavement study on Runway 5/23 and associated taxiways, to rehabilitate and strengthen terminal apron and connecting terminal taxiways, rehabilitate airfield lighting (HIRLS, parallel taxiway A and connecting taxiways, new lighting vault, regulators and PAPs on Runway 23). The state portion of the project request is \$110,590 and the total project amount is \$4,423,682. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Berkeley County Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Berkeley County Airport to rehabilitate Runway 5/23 with a nine inch concrete overlay, new medium intensity runway lights incased in underground conduit, construct storm water drainage canals and associated drainage improvements. The state portion of the project is \$94,298 and the total project amount is \$3,771,905. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project conditional upon the airport being brought up to FAA Part 77 standards. **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project under the condition of the airport being brought to FAA Part 77 standards as outlined by SCAC staff, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Summerville Airport (Dorchester County)**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Summerville Airport for an environmental assessment and for preliminary engineering to extend the approach end of Runway 6. The state portion of the project is \$6,848 and the total project amount is \$273,919. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project. **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, **Commissioner Dabney** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Pickens County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement grant for the Pickens County Airport for engineering design services to widen and relocate a corporate hangar area. The design services include project formulation, surveying and geotechnical investigation. The state portion of this grant is \$38,086 and the total grant amount is \$63,476. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the grant. **Commissioner Dabney** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, **Secretary McKay** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Mr. Werts presented the following Director’s Grant Awards that were issued using the \$5,000 state funding limit criteria:

• Aiken Municipal	State Portion \$2,229	Total Grant \$ 89,140
• Pageland Airport	State Portion \$2,475	Total Grant \$ 3,300
• Sumter Airport	State Portion \$3,502	Total Grant \$140,100

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts presented the financial statements and budget for FY10/11 for discussion as well as the Governor’s FY11/12 budget to the Commissioners for review.

Mr. Werts presented Mr. Tuttle with the National Business Aviation Association’s (NBAA) Safe Flying Award to the SCAC for 76 Years without an accident involving damage to property or injury to persons. SCAC is one of only two organizations that are members of NBAA to receive such recognition. Further awards were presented individually to Mr. Tuttle, Mr. Young, Mr. Baker and Mr. Gravesandy of the SCAC Flight Department. These awards will be formally award at the NBAA Convention in Atlanta October 19, 20, and 21. SCAC will have a delegation at the convention to accept the award. **Commissioner Coward** made a **Motion** that a resolution recognizing the SCAC Flight Department was appropriate and the Commission requested Mr. Werts draft this document for review and approval by the Commission for presentation at the NBAA Convention, **Commissioner Dabney** seconded and after discussion, all approved.

Mr. Werts announced that the aviation fuel taxes collected in July were up significantly

Mr. Werts invited Mr. West and Mr. Prestage to speak to the Commission about the proliferation of parking fees at publicly owned airports and what if anything the Commission, FAA or the aviation community should or could do provide “no fee parking areas” at public airports.

Executive Director’s Report(s)

Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports

The open grants report and the flight operations report were accepted as presented.

Title 55

Mr. Hodge of Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd presented the latest synopsis of Title 55. Mr. Hodge and Mr. Werts have a meeting scheduled with the Municipal Association on September 29<sup>th</sup>. A meeting with the Association of Counties will be scheduled for early October.

District Reports

**District 1 – Vice-Chairman McKown** reported everything good and Myrtle Beach is working on the commercial terminal expansion.

**District 2 – Secretary McKay** reported everything quiet except for Beaufort and Hilton Head – Beaufort is considering changing the property tax from 10.5 to either four or six percent.

**District 3 – Commissioner Coward** stated he had no report on Aiken’s ILS, hangars are complete and occupied at Anderson Regional Airport, and Clemson still under stop work order from DHEC.

**District 4 – Commissioner Walker** reported Spartanburg has started its new terminal, parking area and extending of the runway. The FBO is presenting operating out of trailers.

**District 5 – Commissioner Avent** reported his airports are in good shape. Rock Hill has received FAA Funding for hangars and lighting; Cherokee and Blacksburg are working together concerning the possible new airport.

**District 6 – Commissioner Dabney** reports Hamilton-Owens Airport has been put on notice by the FAA that no future funding will be available to them until they attend to the unsafe tree obstruction condition for which they have been warned for years. Responding to a question as to why the trees have not been previously attended to, **Commissioner Dabney** indicated that Richland County has simply dragged their feet. The Commission will likewise not approve any more funding to Hamilton-Owens pending Richland County’s attention to the tree obstruction to safe flight.

Executive Session

**Commissioner Dabney** made a **Motion** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss contract and personnel matters, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, **Vice Chairman McKown** opposed, and all other Commissioners approved. Following the Executive Session, the Commission came back into open session and announced that **no action** was taken during the Executive Session.

*Commissioner Coward* made a **Motion** to approve the Governor's FY2011/2012 Budget Letter and Package due on September 3, 2010, *Commissioner Avent* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Meeting Schedule**

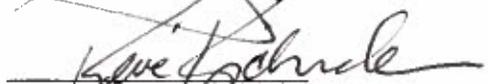
The next meeting date will be Thursday, September 23 held at the SCAC facility in West Columbia beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, *Commissioner Avent* moved the meeting be adjourned, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, all approved.

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Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA  
Commission Secretary

  
Revé M. Richardson  
Commission Recording Secretary

10/28/10 Date

  
Gregg A. Galphrus  
Commission Chairman

  
William M. McKown  
Commission Vice-Chairman

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