

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
December 16, 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
Ira E. Coward II, District 3
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

**Commission Members Attending
By Conference Call**

Robert E. Walker, District 4
Barry G. Avent, District 5

Visitors

Jim Hamilton, Commissioner Emeritus
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
Mark Waller, PE

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary
Hugh Tuttle, Chief Pilot

Commission Member Absent

Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA,
Secretary & District 2

Visitors (Cont'd)

Quintin Watkins, Prime Engineering-ARA
Jim Ducker, ADC Engineering

Welcome & Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Malphrus presented the minutes of the October 28, 2010 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Coward* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, *Commissioner Dabney* seconded, and all approved.

Projects for Consideration

Fairfield County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Fairfield County Airport for easement acquisition and obstruction clearing. The state portion of the project request is \$12,217 and the total project amount is \$488,694. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Coward* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Dabney* whole-heartedly seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts presented the budget and financial statements for November 2010. Mr. Werts presented a letter from the City of Orangeburg in response to his letter concerning the lowering of Aircraft Property Taxes. Mr. Werts pointed out one portion of the letter where Council Chairman Wright indicated "he was in favor of the change but had a concern about it being viewed negatively by taxpayers as a tax cut for 'wealthy airplane owners'." Mr. Werts feels this statement about "wealthy airplane owners" is one we need to find a way to address.

Mr. Werts requested Mr. Tuttle give an update on the King Air C90. Mr. Tuttle announced that the signed title has been received, Ms. Richardson is working on the insurance coverage and that the plane would be operational as of January 1. He also stated that when the plane is being used as a utility aircraft, a single pilot will be used and when in use as an executive aircraft, dual pilots will be used. Mr. Tuttle also reported that the fuel farm is now operational and that DNR has committed to purchasing the fuel for its three aircraft. The Flight Department section of the website is being updated and new brochures are being prepared to market our two aircraft.

Mr. Werts reported on his meeting with Representative White who is sponsoring our Title 55 legislation. The Legislative staff will put it in "Bill Form" and it will be filed on January 12. We do not know at this time where it will go – to which committee. It was agreed that the Commissioners should present a "united front" and should make every effort to speak briefly to each legislator in their districts within the next five to seven days to alert them to Title 55 and then speak to them again at length after the first of the year.

Executive Director's Report(s)

Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports

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

District Reports

District 1 – Vice-Chairman McKown announced that PIA signed a lease with Horry County/Conway Airport.

District 2 – Mr. Werts reported that Hilton Head Airport had completed its Master Plan and received an FAA Grant for a runway expansion to 5,000 feet. He announced that Beaufort County is dealing with lawsuits; Ridgeland Airport with RIF issues, Allendale County Airport has a fencing project underway and Barnwell County Airport is working on land issues.

District 3 – Commissioner Coward stated that Aiken Municipal Airport’s localizer and DME are installed and will be flight tested in January 2011. The glide slope is scheduled to be operational in 2012. Mr. Werts stated that work had not continued at this time but it was due to weather.

District 4 – no report.

District 5 – no report.

District 6 – Commissioner Dabney stated that LPA, Inc. has completed the Master Plan for Hamilton/Owens Airport and presented it to the Airport Commission and will move it to the Richland County Council for approval.

Meeting Schedule

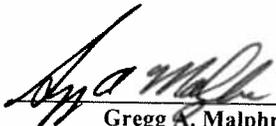
The next meeting date will be Wednesday, February 9 at 4:00 p.m. at the South Carolina Aviation Association Conference at the Marriott Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Adjournment

There being no further business, **Vice-Chairman McKown** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, all approved.


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


Revé M. Richardson
Commission Recording Secretary


Gregg A. Malphrus
Commission Chairman


William M. McKown
Commission Vice-Chairman

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