

M I N U T E S
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
September 24, 2009
Meeting 10:00 a.m. - West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Gregg A. Malphrus, Chairman, At-large
William M. McKown, District 1 &
Vice-Chairman
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA,
District 2 & Secretary
Ira E. "Bud" Coward II, District 3
Joshua D. Houston, 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

Visitors in Attendance

Joseph Barkovich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc
Darwin H. Simpson, Spartanburg Downtown
Vic Sarratt, Cherokee County
Chris Eversmann, Wilbur Smith Associates

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Malphrus called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the invocation. The invocation was given by *Vice-Chairman McKown*. Mr. Werts introduced our visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Malphrus presented the minutes of the July 23, 2009 Commission meeting for approval. *Secretary McKay* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, *Commissioner Dabney* seconded, and all approved.

Spartanburg Downtown Airport Presentation

Mr. Simpson gave a brief presentation on the Spartanburg Downtown Airport terminal project.

Projects for Consideration

Mr. Werts presented the following capital improvement grant projects for consideration. These projects are all recommended by the Aeronautics staff for approval and are FAA, state, and airport sponsor funded.

- *Lexington County Airport at Pelion*-Rehabilitate south area apron State \$11,158, Total \$446,336
- *Saluda County Airport*-Construct hangar taxilanes & apron State \$ 7,525, Total \$301,000
- *Georgetown County Airport*-Phase II terminal parking & access road/
expand apron, & install perimeter fencing State \$22,458, Total \$898,313
- *Fairfield County Airport*-Runway 4/23 pavement rehabilitation evaluation/
engineering design services, perimeter fencing design/
construction, & obstruction clearing coordination State \$ 16,232, Total \$649,294
- *Marlboro County Jetport/H.E. Avent Field*-Construct hangar taxilanes/
hangar apron State \$ 11,787, Total \$471,474
- *Oconee County Regional Airport*-Extend Runway 25, 600 feet
including the parallel taxiway, State \$ 68,811, Total \$2,752,444

Vice-Chairman McKown made a **Motion** to approve these projects as presented, and *Commissioner Houston* seconded. The *Chairman* called for discussion and with none, all projects were approved.

Lexington County Airport at Pelion

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement project for Lexington County Airport at Pelion to install a new rotating beacon. The state portion of the project is \$11,250 and the total project amount is \$15,000. The Aeronautics staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Avent* seconded. The *Chairman* called for discussion and there being none, all approved.

Myrtle Beach International Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement grant for the Myrtle Beach International Airport for the rehabilitation of taxilane "E" (the general aviation T-hangar taxiway). The state portion of the grant is \$136,008 and the total grant amount is \$226,680. The Aeronautics staff recommends approval. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the grant as presented, and *Commissioner Coward* seconded. The *Chairman* called for discussion and there being none, all approved.

Grants Awarded by Director

Mr. Werts awarded the following three grants based on the approval criteria set by the Commission.

- *Cheraw Municipal Airport/Lynch Bellinger Field*-Installation of MIRLS for Runway 8/26, Storm water drainage analysis and drainage design State \$4,391 Total \$175,641
- *Berkeley County Airport*-Runway 5/23 pavement evaluation & rehab design State \$4,294 Total \$171,751
- *Williamsburg Regional Airport*-Engineering design services/full parallel taxiway State \$4,562 Total \$182,500

Financial, Budget, and Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts gave a financial update and discussed the Aeronautics budget for FY09/10. The Commission approved Mr. Werts attending the NBAA Conference in Orlando, Florida in October. Mr. Werts announced that Mr. Craig L. Fuller, President and CEO of the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association will attend the SCAA Conference in Myrtle Beach in February 2010. The Commission requested:

1. Aeronautics website- Update the home page leading graphics to more accurately reflect the global mission of Aeronautics
2. Provide a one page 2010 Projected Budget by October 9th
3. Request John Hodge, Esq. attend the October 22nd Commission meeting to discuss Title 55

Executive Director's Report

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 reported that the new Myrtle Beach GA Terminal is almost completed and is beautiful. They will not hold an open house until the old facility is torn down. He told the Commission about the support District One received from *Commissioner Avent*. *Commissioner Avent* was instrumental in introducing Embry Riddle and PIA to Horry-Georgetown Tech and them establishing an academic pilot and aviation program at the school. Everything is going well at Georgetown County Airport.

District 2 - Secretary McKay reported that Beaufort County is holding public hearings on its master plan and that Delta Airlines has again suspended flights into Hilton Head Airport. He also reported some small progress at Ridgeland but that they can do nothing by themselves. *Chairman Malphrus* mentioned that possibly they have located a new site for the airport but it is very tentative at this point.

District 3 - Commissioner Coward had no report.

District 4 - Commissioner Houston reported he had met Dave Edwards, the new airport manager at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport and that he is going to be a real asset to the airport. Also, the Greenville Downtown Airport ramp project is going well as is the Donaldson Center National Guard move into their new location.

District 5 - Commissioner Avent reported that almost all of his airports have a project of some size in progress and all are going well. He attended the Cherokee County Council meeting earlier in the week concerning the purchase of property to build an airport in the county. The council passed the measure to purchase the property for this endeavor hoping to build the facility for around \$28/29 million.

District 6 - Commissioner Dabney reported that the Jim Hamilton/L.B. Owens apron and taxiway project is going well. He also requested that Ms. Richardson call Senator McGill to be sure that he received the letter concerning Hemingway/Stuckey Airport.

Meeting Schedule

The Commission agreed to meet monthly for the remainder of 2009. The meeting dates are October 22, November 19 and December 17 and they will be at the SCAC facility in West Columbia.

Executive Session

Commissioner Coward made a **Motion** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contract matters, *Commissioner Avent* **seconded the Motion**, and all **approved**. Following the Executive Session, the Commission came back into session and announced that **no action** was taken during the Executive Session.

New Business

Vice-Chairman McKown made a **Motion** for the Executive Director to hire an airport planner and to contract for a professional engineer and *Commissioner Coward* seconded. *Commissioner Dabney* asked to amend the **Motion** to allow the Executive Director to obtain a contract for professional services on a temporary basis, if necessary, seconded by *Commissioner Houston* and all approved the amendment. Back to the original **Motion**, *Vice-Chairman McKown*

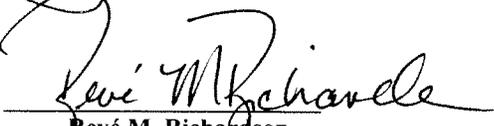
requested approval to hire a state planner and contract for an engineer as stated in the amended **Motion**, *Commissioner Coward* seconded and all approved.

Adjournment

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



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

10/22/09
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