

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
June 24, 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
Jamey Kempson, Airport Maintenance & NAVAID Eng.

Visitors:

John Hodge, Haynsworth, Sinker, Boyd
A. B. Hayder, Pilot
Jim Hamilton, Commissioner Emeritus
Katie Koon, SCAA Manager
Eric Ramsdale, SCAA President
Frank Manning, Columbia Metropolitan Airport

Welcome & Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Malphrus presented the minutes of the April 22nd Commission meeting for approval. **Secretary McKay** made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, and all approved.

Projects for Consideration

Berkeley County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Berkeley County Airport for engineering design services for storm water drainage analysis and airfield pavement evaluation. The state portion of the project request is \$3,255 and the total project amount is \$130,204. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Commissioner Dabney** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Greenville Downtown Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Greenville Downtown Airport to retrofit/refurbish the EMAS on the approach of Runway 19. The state portion of the project is \$11,645 and the total project amount is \$465,800. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Pickens County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Pickens County Airport to construct a taxiway servicing corporate hangars taxiway. The state portion of the project is \$10,850 and the total project amount is \$434,000. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project. **Vice-Chairman McKay** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

South Carolina Aviation Association

Mr. Werts presented a Commission sponsored grant for the South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA) for 1) Palmetto Aviation newsletter \$18,000; 2) Aviation Flight Safety – Wings Program \$7,000; 3) Airport Safety and Maintenance Workshops \$7,000; 4) Aviation Education Programs \$29,000; 5) Aviation Hall of Fame \$5,000. The total grant request is \$66,000. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the grant. **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** to approve funding of the grant in the amount of \$47,000, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, **Vice-Chairman McKown** amended his motion for funding to \$33,000 and **Commissioner Dabney** seconded. After discussion, **Chairman Malphrus** called for a vote on the amended **Motion**, **Commissioners Dabney, McKown and McKay** voted yes and **Commissioners Walker, Coward and Avent** voted no. **Chairman Malphrus** voted yes to break the tie and the amended **Motion** carried. **Chairman Malphrus** then called for a vote on the **Motion** to award a \$33,000 grant to SCAA. **Commissioners Dabney, McKown and McKay** voted yes and **Commissioners Walker, Coward and Avent** voted no. **Chairman Malphrus** voted yes to break the tie and the **Motion** carried. **Commissioner Dabney** suggested SCAA submit a new programs funding breakdown to Mr. Werts based the awarded amount.

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts presented the financial statements and budget update. He announced another seven percent cut projected for 2011 by the Ways and Means Committee and that he will be making a presentation to TRAC on Tuesday morning, June 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Room 105 of the Gressette Building. He was asked to attend and present to TRAC by Representative Brian White.

By consensus, the Commission approved the five year 75/25 percent maintenance contract with NaturChem. The FAA has awarded the state a \$500,000 pavement evaluation study grant. A Selection Committee of five participates is being established to

choose a consultant for this grant and **Commission Dabney** has agreed to be one member and the other participants will be from Airport Development and one staffer from the SC Department of Transportation.

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 told the Commission that he is working on a synopsis of Title 55 that will be written in plain language and he will have it to the Commissioners in approximately two weeks. In August and early September, meetings will be scheduled with the Counties and Municipal Associations to update them on Title 55. The Commission requested that Mr. Werts contact other state directors and inquire as to their structure within their state governments and how they are funded and send a report to the Commissioners with an outline of this information.

District Reports

District 1 – Vice-Chairman McKown reported the grand opening and ground breaking for the new GA Terminal and new Commercial Airline Terminal went very well and both were well attended. He also mentioned there are issues with the building foundation for Boeing but is sure everything will be worked out.

District 2 – Secretary McKay reported that things are about the same in Hilton Head with articles concerning the airport appearing daily.

District 3 – Commissioner Coward stated he contacted the city engineer in Aiken and was told the localizer equipment is on its way for the airport and the site issues have been worked out. He also reported the runway extension project at Clemson is on hold due to erosion issues.

District 4 – Commissioner Walker reported that Spartanburg Downtown has not moved into its temporary terminal, yet.

District 5 – Commissioner Avent reported that all in District 5 are paying their fuel taxes and that Cherokee is still trying for an airport in their county.

District 6 – Commissioner Dabney reported that LPA Group is working on updating the master plan for the Jim Hamilton/L. B. Owens Airport and that they had originally stated that the airport could not nor ever could they have a vertical guidance approach at the airport. That problem has now been solved and LPA has now turned around on that original opinion.

Beachcraft C90

By Proviso 68.D.10, effective July 1, 2010, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Beachcraft C90 Aircraft title and ownership was transferred to the Commission for official use by the state in the manner prescribed by law. The Commission shall provide funding to MUSC to cover the value of the aircraft as soon as funding is available. **Commissioner Dabney** made a **Motion** that the Commission would utilize the C90 Beechcraft for one year to see if it was economically feasible for the Commission to operate both the C90 and 350 King Air with the use of a contract pilot, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Executive Session

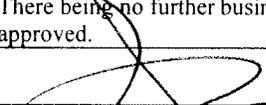
Commissioner Avent made a **Motion** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss contract matters, **Commissioner Coward** seconded the **Motion**, and all **approved**. Following the Executive Session, the Commission came back into open session and announced that **no action** was taken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

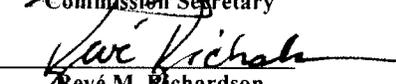
Meeting Schedule

The next meeting date will be Thursday, July 22nd held at the SCAC facility in West Columbia beginning at 10:00 a.m.

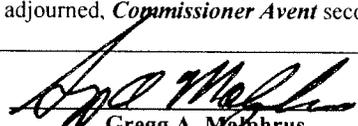
Adjournment

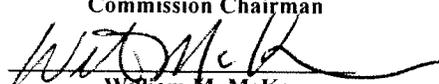
There being no further business, **Commissioner Walker** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, all approved.


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


Revé M. Richardson
Commission Recording Secretary

8/31/10 Date


Gregg A. Molphrus
Commission Chairman


William M. McKown
Commission Vice-Chairman

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