

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
July 27, 2011
10:00 a.m. West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman
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, Chief Pilot
Jamey Kempson, Airport Maintenance & NAVAIDS Engineer
Carissa Muenzer, Temporary Employee

Visitors

Frank Manning, Esquire, SCANA
Riley Eason, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.

Visitors (Cont'd)

Mike Flack, Mike Flack Associates

Welcome & Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the June 23, 2011 Commission meeting for approval. *Secretary McKay* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Commissioner Dabney* seconded, and all approved.

Election of Officers

Chairman Gantt called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. *Commissioner Dabney* nominated *Commissioner Coward* as Vice-Chairman of the Commission, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and after discussion and no other nominations, all approved.

Chairman Gantt called for nominations for Secretary. *Commissioner McKown* nominated *Commissioner Dabney* as Secretary of the Commission, *Commissioner McKay* seconded, and after discussion and no other nominations, all approved.

Presentation-Statewide Electrical Study

Mr. Kempson gave a presentation to the Commission of SCAC's one-of-kind Statewide Electrical Study (the "Study"). The Study can be accessed from the home page of the SCAC website. Mr. Werts submitted the Study to NASAO for consideration of a national award.

Presentation-Flight Department Initiative

The Commission discussed several options for flight department initiatives for staff and Commissioners to investigate over the next several weeks.

Legislative Update

Commissioner Walker suggested that the Commission be prepared to meet with Representatives White and Smith in November concerning Title 55 and the 2012 Legislative Session. He also mentioned the resignation of Director Kitzmann from the B&CB and stated he does not know how that is going to impact the framework of that agency.

Projects for Consideration

Fairfield County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Fairfield County Airport to rehabilitate asphalt pavements on Runway 4/22, parallel taxiway, and aircraft parking apron with a three inch bituminous asphalt overlay including reimbursement of tree obstruction removal on both runway ends. The state portion of the project request is \$71,135 and the total project amount is \$2,845,400. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Vice-Chairman Coward* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts presented the State Aviation Fund budget for June 2011. The June Operating Results will not be available until August 1, 2011. Mr. Werts presented the FY2011-2012 Fund Budget for Maintenance and Administration Support Programs and requested approval. The Commission gave consensus approval to this budget as presented.

Mr. Werts presented a Strategic Plan (the "Plan") to the Commission as requested at the June meeting. The Plan outlines the need for two new positions: Finance and Grants Manager and Aviation Program Specialist.

Secretary Dabney made a **Motion** SCAC hire an Aviation Program Manager and that position meet the job description that is currently provided for in the description of the Aviation Program Specialist outlined in the Strategic Plan and the position will provide for the redundancy needed as the second position of the organization, **Vice-Chairman Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

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 – Commissioner McKown stated that everything is good in District 1 with all the airports.

District 2 – Commissioner McKay requested an update on the smokestack in Allendale and Mr. Werts reported he knew of no change. **Commissioner McKay** reported no changes at Hilton Head Airport.

District 3 – Vice-Chairman Coward reported that the Aiken Municipal Airport tree obstruction removal project is underway; that the ILS project glide slope grading permits (state and county) are being obtained and the grading will begin when the permits are received. Also, he made a site visit to Pickens County Airport to look at the new taxiway and corporate hangars. Everything looks great and the corporate hangars are very impressive.

District 4 – Commissioner Walker announced that Spartanburg will be holding a grand opening in late August or early September and he has been assured that the Commissioners will be on the guest list. **Vice-Chairman Coward** stated that he has been informed by the FAA that a letter is forthcoming to Mr. Werts at SCAC and Mr. Edwards at Greenville/Spartanburg International addressing funding for the raising or relocating of the radar tower.

District 5 – Commissioner Avent stated that an inspection of Dillon County Airport was completed and it is usable but there are safety issues. He has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Rogers and the Dillon County Council at their next meeting. He has requested he be on the agenda to address these safety issues.

District 6 – Secretary Dabney stated that Eagle Aviation moved 100 percent of its piston engine maintenance to Jim Hamilton/L. B. Owens Airport. Also, the Hamilton/Owens Airport has established a new committee to study a public/private partnership to determine usage of the Curtiss Wright historic hangar; possibly something such as an aviation museum or a foundation library.

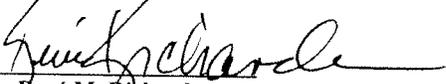
New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt thanked **Commissioners McKown and McKay** for their four years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Commission and aviation community.

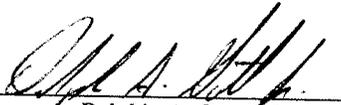
Adjournment

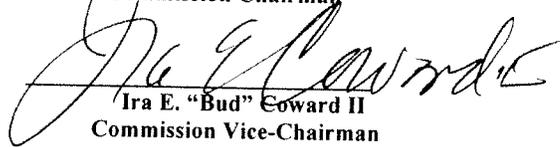
There being no further business, **Secretary Dabney** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Vice-Chairman Coward** seconded, all approved.


Dennis L. Dabney, CPA
Commission Secretary


Revé M. Richardson
Commission Recording Secretary

8/25/11 Date


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Ira E. "Bud" Coward II
Commission Vice-Chairman