

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

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman
Vacant, District 1
Ira E. Coward II, Vice-Chairman & District 3
Robert E. Walker, District 4
Barry G. Avent, District 5
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, Secretary & District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

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

Commissioner Absent

Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2

Visitors

Xen Motsinger, SC Historic Aviation Foundation
Mike Flack, Mike Flack Associates
Jack West, via conference call

Visitors (Cont'd)

Ron Shelton, SC Historic Aviation Foundation
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and requested *Commissioner Walker* give the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the August 25, 2011 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Avent* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Secretary Dabney* seconded, and all approved.

SC Historic Aviation Foundation Presentation

Mr. Shelton gave a brief presentation about the upcoming 70 Anniversary of the Columbia Army Air Base event they are holding at the SCAC facility on December 3, 2011. They invited the Commissioners to attend.

Legislative Update

Chairman Gantt inquired if there was a legislative update. Mr. West provided an update as to what will occur with Title 55 during its presentation at the beginning of the 2012 legislative session. Also, due to reapportionment and the addition of a seventh district, the Commission discussed incorporating the new appointee into the Commission allowing all existing appointments to complete their terms while the new seventh district appointment would serve an initial first term ending February 2014 with all succeeding terms to be of four year duration.

Projects for Consideration

Hartsville Municipal Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Hartsville Municipal Airport to facilitate land and easement acquisition to both the approach and departure areas of Runway 3 and 21. The state portion of the project request is \$5,678 and the total project amount is \$279,086. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Secretary Dabney* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented; *Commissioner Avent* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Woodward Field-Camden

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Woodward Field-Camden for engineering and construction services to relocate and rehabilitate taxiway "F". The state portion of the project is \$12,750 and the total project amount is \$484,500. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman Coward* made a **Motion** the project be approved as presented; *Secretary Dabney* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Jim Hamilton – L.B. Owens Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Jim Hamilton-L. B. Owens Airport for tree obstruction removal located in approaches to Runway 13/31 and in the transitional surface areas. The state portion of the project is \$8,959 and the total project amount is \$340,447. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Avent* made a **Motion** the project be approved as presented; *Secretary Dabney* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport for engineering design, bidding, and construction services; including the construction of an auto parking lot for the newly constructed terminal building and installation of a new water service line. The state portion of the project is \$18,458 and the total project amount is \$701,385. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Avent* made a **Motion** the project be approved as presented; *Secretary Dabney* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Hilton Head Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Hilton Head Airport to develop a master plan for Hilton Head Airport. The state portion of the project is \$6,859 and the total project amount is \$260,652. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Vice-Chairman Coward** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented; **Secretary Dabney** seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Hilton Head Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Hilton Head Airport for tree obstruction removal, tree mitigation and easement acquisition off Runway 21. The state portion of the project is \$45,373 and the total project amount is \$1,724,154. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** for approval of the project since it is significantly finished; **Secretary Dabney** seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Hilton Head Island

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Hilton Head Airport for environmental assessment and benefit cost analysis for five year capital improvement projects. The state portion of the project is \$14,551 and the total project cost is \$552,939. The SCAC staff does not support the project at this time. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to follow the staff recommendation to not approve this project at this time because of how it could affect general aviation operations; **Secretary Dabney** seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Greenwood County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and local maintenance project for Greenwood County Airport to replace Runway 27 PAPIs. The state portion of the project is \$6,750 and the total project amount is \$9,000. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented; **Vice-Chairman Coward** seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Mr. Werts presented three "Director Approved Projects" awarded for less than \$5,000 in committed state funds as follows:

- Cheraw Municipal Lynch-Bellenger Field Engineering Design Service \$1,974
- Union County-Troy Shelton Field Land and Easement Acquisition \$4,103
- Pickens County Airport Acquiring Land Along Runway 5/23 \$4,010

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Financial reports and aviation fuel sales report were accepted as presented.

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 3 – Vice-Chairman Coward visited Oconee County Airport and the new pavement looks really good. The new hangars at Clemson are completed and fully occupied. He has nothing new to report on the ILS at Aiken.

District 4 – Commissioner Walker stated that Spartanburg Downtown looks great. He hopes everyone will be able to come to the event on November 17th in Spartanburg. The Commission is invited to hold its meeting at Spartanburg Downtown. Greenville/Spartanburg received a letter about the tree removal around the radar but do not know when they will see any action about raising the antenna.

District 5 – Commissioner Avent said there are NOTAMS on the closed runways at Darlington but they are now also covered with cotton and there are no lights. He asked when the fencing was going to be put up. Mr. Werts said it would be several more months.

District 6 – Secretary Dabney stated that Hamilton/Owens is still diligently pursuing tree clearing.

New/Other Business

No new or other business was presented

Next Proposed Meeting Date

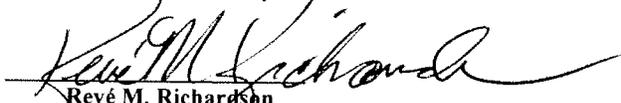
The Commission agreed to cancel the November 17th meeting and the next meeting will be held on the December 15th date at the SCAC facility in West Columbia.

Adjournment

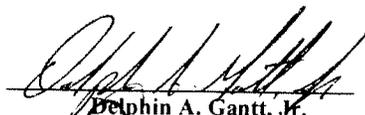
There being no further business, **Vice-Chairman Coward** moved the meeting be adjourned. **Commissioner Avent** seconded, all approved.



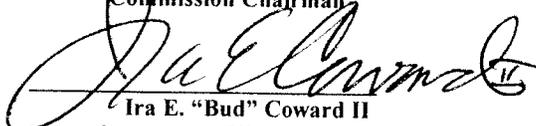
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