**MINUTES**
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**
**Thursday, May 24, 2012**
**10:00 a.m., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**
Vacant, District 1
Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2
Ira E. Coward II, Vice-Chairman & District 3
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

**Commission Members Absent**
Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-Large
(On Pilot Military Duty)
Matthew J. Kappel, Esq., District 4

**Visitors:**
Ronald King, Marlboro County Economic Dev.
Ken Hawk, Horry County Department of Airports
Mike Marlowe, Horry County Department of Airports

**Welcome & Call to Order**
***Vice-Chairman Coward*** called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and gave the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

**Approval of Minutes**
***Vice-Chairman Coward*** presented the minutes of the April 26, 2012 Commission meeting for approval. ***Commissioner Avent*** made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as written and presented, ***Commissioner Young*** seconded, and all approved.

**Legislative Update**
***Vice-Chairman Coward*** stated that Bill H3918 was voted out of the Senate Transportation Sub-Committee to the full Senate Transportation Committee and is on the agenda for Wednesday, May 30 where we expect it to be heard and sent to the Senate floor. ***Vice-Chairman Coward, Secretary Dabney*** and Mr. Werts plan to attend and other Commissioners should attend if possible.

**No Projects Presented for Consideration**

**Financial, Budget, Executive Director's Reports & Aeronautics Update**
Financial Reports, Aviation Fuel Sales Report, Open Grants Report, and Flight Operations Report were accepted as presented.

Mr. Werts announced the District 4 has named Matthew J. Kappel, attorney from Greenville to replace Mr. Walker. Mr. Kappel was sworn Wednesday, May 23, 2012 but was unable to attend the May 24th meeting due to a court appearance scheduled in Atlanta for that morning.

Mr. Hawk, Senior Engineer for Horry County Department of Airports gave a presentation on the new Horry County International Airport construction. The new airport cost is $128 million and the planned opening is first of the year 2013.

Mr. Werts announced that Representative White will be placing the Aviation Week Resolution on the House floor next week. He also announced that Charleston International Airport will be closing their main runway soon for construction. The Wildlife Grant has been pulled for this year.

**District Reports**
***District 2 – Commissioner Young*** – No report.

***District 3 – Vice-Chairman Coward*** – Met with the City of Aiken, Electric Cooperative representatives that provide service to Aiken Municipal Airport and airport management to discuss the power outage that occurred during Master's week at the airport. They have worked out sufficient backup procedures to eliminate outages in the future.

***District 5 – Commissioner Avent*** – Inquired about the Commission policy concerning revenue producing hangars in light of inquiry by Hartsville Regional Airport. After discussion, no action was taken.

***District 6 – Secretary Dabney*** – No report.

**New/Other Business**
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2012. However, after discussion it was determined this was not an ideal date so the meeting was changed to **Thursday, July 19, 2012** at the Commission Facility in West Columbia.

**Adjournment**
There being no further business, ***Secretary Dabney*** moved the meeting be adjourned, ***Commissioner Young*** seconded, and all approved.

**AMT Day Event**
Following the Commission meeting, the members attended the third annual AMT Day event held at the Pittsburg Institute of Aeronautics campus. Approximately, 135 mechanics, aeronautical students, airport personnel, and FAA staff attended to see Mr. Carl Knuth receive the Charles Taylor Award which represents 50 years of outstanding aircraft maintenance service. The award was presented by Mr. Scott Camp, FAASTeam Program Manager.

**Dennis L. Dabney, CPA**
**Commission Secretary**

**Revé M. Richardson**
**Commission Recording Secretary**

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

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