

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Thursday, July 19, 2012
10:00 a.m., Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-Large
Maj. Gen. Gerald E. Harmon, USAF, Ret., 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
James Stephens, Program Manager
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary

Commissioners Absent

Matthew J. Kappel, Esq., District 4

Visitors:

Ernie Segers, Laurens County	Sammy Wham, Laurens County	Jimmie Spencer, Laurens County
Jim Hamilton, Former Commissioner	Jeremy Bauer, Sumter Airport	AJ Rigby, Georgetown County
Hartsell Rogers, Civil Air Patrol	Bob Walker, Former Commissioner	Jack West, West Law Firm
Patrick Dennis, Judicial Committee	Wes Covington, Association of Counties	Joseph Barkevich, W.K. Dickson
David Owens, Senate Transportation	Mike Flack, Mike Flack Associates	Ed Schafer, Municipal Association
John Hodge, Hodge & Associates		

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and thanked the Commission for their support and efforts while he was away. He then requested *Vice-Chairman Coward* to give the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the May 24, 2012 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Avent* made a Motion the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Commissioner Harmon* seconded, and all approved.

Special Honorary Designation

Commissioner Young made a motion that a special internal honorary non-voting position of Commissioner Emeritus be approved by the Commission; *Vice-Chairman Coward* seconded and all approved. *Secretary Dabney* proposed that Jim Hamilton be awarded the first lifetime honorary designation of Commissioner Emeritus. The proposal was approved unanimously. Mr. Dabney read the Resolution so naming Mr. Hamilton. At the conclusion of the reading, the Resolution along with a nametag, hat, plaque, and King Air 350 model were presented to Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton gave brief remarks of appreciation.

Vice-Chairman Coward presented to Mr. Jack West on behalf of the Commission a Resolution in appreciation and gratitude for his assistance in helping the Commission with the passage of Title 55. He then presented Mr. West with his resolution, a hat and a King Air 350 model.

Vice-Chairman Coward presented a *Certificates of Appreciation* and a hat to Mr. Patrick Dennis, Chief Counsel, House Judiciary Committee for his assistance with the passage of Title 55.

Vice-Chairman Coward presented a *Certificate of Appreciation* and a hat to Mr. David Owens with the Senate Transportation Committee for his help and hard work in assisting us with the passage of Title 55.

Mr. Werts presented *Certificates of Appreciation* and hats to Mr. Wes Covington of the South Carolina Association of Counties, and to Mr. Ed Schafer of the Municipal Association of South Carolina for their assistance and partnerships with the passage of Title 55.

Legislative Update

Mr. Werts thanked Mr. Hodge on his work, support and last minute rewrites/edits necessary for the passage of Title 55. Mr. Werts stated that staff is working on the development of a Land-Use Policy to be presented at the next Commission meeting scheduled for September 27th. Staff is working on allocation of maintenance expenses for the hangar as authorized in Title 55.

Projects for Consideration

Laurens County Airport

Mr. Werts called on Mr. Wham of Laurens County to give a report on the Laurens County Airport.

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Laurens County Airport to rehabilitate Runway 8/26 and the apron area with a five foot concrete overlay and a 152 foot overrun. The state portion of the project is \$327,657 and the total project amount is \$3,051,989. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Secretary Dabney* made a Motion the project be approved as presented; *Commissioner Avent* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Santee Cooper Regional Airport (Clarendon County)

Mr. Werts presented a state and local maintenance project for Santee-Cooper Regional Airport to refurbish the rotating beacon motor, wiring and cleaning the lenses and replace glass as necessary; repaint the beacon tower and platform. The state portion of

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the project is \$14,550 and the total project cost is \$19,500. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman Coward* made a **Motion** to approve this project as presented; *Commissioner Avent* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

South Carolina Aviation Association

Mr. Stephens presented a grant support project for the South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA) with the following items outlined for discussion/approval.

Quarterly Newsletter	\$18,000	Aviation Week	\$ 5,000
SC Aviation Hall of Fame	1,000	Airport Safety & Maintenance Program	15,000
SC Aviation Safety Council	10,000	Aviation Science Summer Camp	50,000

Total requested is \$99,000. Mr. Werts stated that the Aviation Science Summer Camp (the "Camp") is currently in progress and suggested that the \$50,000 designated above be taken out of consideration until completion of the Camp this week so an accurate determination can be made of the actual costs before budgeting for next year.

Commissioner Avent made a **Motion** to approve the request to SCAA in the amount of \$49,000, which represents funding for all categories except the Aviation Science Summer Camp; *Secretary Dabney* seconded; and after discussion; all approved.

Commission Avent thanked the SCAA for their efforts this year on behalf of the Commission such as holding a very successful Legislative Breakfast and in giving unparalleled assistance with the passage of Title 55.

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. Stephens reported the Aviation Science Summer Camp being held this week is going very well. Celebrate Freedom Foundation has done a great job and all attendees appear to be having a wonderful time. Dr. Nick Zais, Superintendent of Education, will be making the graduation speech for the Camp on Friday, July 20th around 12:15 p.m. and we would like to invite each Commissioner to attend. The graduation event will be at SCAC in the Wilder Hanger.

Mr. Werts announced that our GIS Program is receiving a National Award, which Mr. Matt Baker, of the SCAC staff will accept on behalf of SCAC in San Diego next week while attending the ESRI Conference.

District Reports

District 1 – Commissioner Harmon – Reported that he has already visited the airports in his district. He discussed the inspection findings at both the Georgetown County Airport and the Robert Swinney Airport, which were noted in the letters sent by Mr. Baker following his inspections. *Commissioner Harmon* stated he will be following up with the airports concerning their response to the letters. *Commissioner Harmon* also stated he is going to call Dr. Zais to thank him for his support of the Summer Camp.

District 2 – Commissioner Young – Welcomed *Commissioner Harmon* to the Commission. *Commissioner Young* stated that he visited Ridgeland Airport and talked with Mr. Fulghum and Mr. Dean about a new runway or about whether the airport should be moved somewhere else due to a school being located at one end of the runway and a marshy area being at the other end. Also, he keeps getting complaints from a lady who lives close to Allendale Airport. He has spoken to the airport manager about this lady's complaints.

District 3 – Vice-Chairman Coward – Congratulated Mr. Wham on giving an excellent report on Laurens County Airport and then thanked the Commission for approving the Laurens project. *Chairman Gantt* thanked *Vice-Chairman Coward* for taking over while he was out of the country; and particularly, for his dedication to seeing Title 55 passed.

District 5 – Commissioner Avent – No report except to welcome *Commissioner Harmon* to the Commission.

District 6 – Secretary Dabney – Welcomed *Commissioner Harmon* to the Commission and announced that Richland County has received one proposal in response to its RFP for the renovation of the historic Curtiss Wright Hangar and is in the process of evaluation of such proposal to become an aviation theme restaurant. The airport Commission is working with all the historic agencies to meet all the requirements necessary for restoring a historic building. If the proposal is approved, the plan is to house the B25 bomber as part of its décor. On a separate note, *Secretary Dabney* stated that he spoke with *Commissioner Kappel* who was unable to attend today but expressed his support to Mr. Dabney with regard to naming Jim Hamilton as Commissioner Emeritus, and Mr. Kappel is looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt at this point requested Mr. Walker who participated in his last Commission meeting on May 24th representing District 4 to come forward for the presentation of his nameplate, a model of the King Air 350, a plaque, and a hat. *Chairman Gantt* thanked Mr. Walker for all his work, support and dedicated efforts in pursuit of passage of Title 55 during his tenure. *Chairman Gantt* then turned to *Commissioner Coward* to thank him for his service to the Commission since this meeting is his final meeting as Commissioner for District 3. *Chairman Gantt* presented him with a plaque, his nameplate, a hat, and his King

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Air 350 model. *Chairman Gantt* praised both Mr. Walker and *Vice-Chairman Coward* for unselfishly devoting their time and efforts on behalf of seeing to the passage of Title 55.

Election of Officers

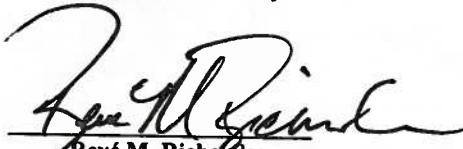
With the departure of *Vice-Chairman Coward*, *Chairman Gantt* stated the Commission needed to elect a new Vice-Chairman. Therefore, he called for nominations. *Commissioner Avent* nominated *Secretary Dabney* for Vice-Chairman. *Commissioner Young* made a Motion the nominations be closed and *Secretary Dabney* be elected as Vice-Chairman; *Commissioner Harmon* seconded, and all approved. With the election of *Vice-Chairman Dabney*, the position of secretary was now open. *Chairman Gantt* called for nominations for the position of Secretary. *Vice-Chairman Dabney* nominated *Commissioner Avent*. *Commissioner Harmon* seconded and made a Motion the nominations be closed and he be elected by acclamation, and all approved.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2012 to be held at the West Columbia facility.

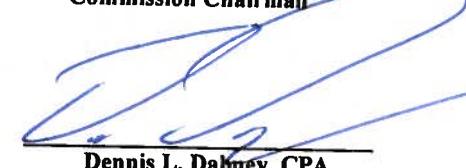
Adjournment

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


Barry G. Avent
Commission Secretary


Revé M. Richardson
Commission Recording Secretary


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Dennis L. Dabney, CPA
Commission Vice-Chairman

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