

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**September 29, 2012**  
**9:30 a.m., Greenville, 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  
 Vacant, District 3  
 Matthew J. Kappel, Esq., District 4  
 Barry G. Avent, Secretary & District 5

Jim Hamilton, Commissioner Emeritus

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
 James Stephens, Program Manager  
 Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary  
 Hugh Tuttle, Chief Pilot

**Commissioner Absent**

Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, Vice-Chairman & District 6

**Visitors:**

John Hodge, Hodge & Associates  
 Doug Murphy, FAA Regional Administrator

**Visitors (Cont'd)**

Allie Avent  
 Josh Houston, Louis Berger Services

**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Chairman Gantt* called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and then requested *Secretary Avent* to give the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests. *Chairman Gantt* welcomed *Commissioner Kappel* to his first Commission meeting. The Chairman requested that everyone keep *Vice-Chairman Dabney* in their thoughts and prayers.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the July 19, 2012 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Young* made a Motion the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Commissioner Harmon* seconded, and all approved.

**Land Use Memorandum of Understanding/Regulation**

Mr. Werts called on Mr. Hodge to give an overview of the progress made with the establishment of regulations and memorandums of understanding with counties, municipalities, and airports. He and Mr. Shah of Aeronautics will be ready to give a complete presentation to the Commission at the November meeting.

**Presentation on Availability of CAP Aircraft**

Mr. Tuttle gave a presentation on the availability of a Cessna 182 RG aircraft owned by the Civil Air Patrol. This aircraft is in extremely good condition and is available for little or no cost and could be operated at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.

*Secretary Avent* made a Motion to continue with the process to purchase of the Cessna 182 RG aircraft; *Commissioner Young* seconded, and after discussion all approved.

Mr. Stephens presented the costs incurred from last summer's Aviation Summer Camp as presented by Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF). He then presented CFF's proposed budget for the 2013 Aviation Summer Camp which is \$68,000. SCAA would like to sponsor the Summer Camp along with CFF and handle the grant on their behalf as it was setup last year. However, CFF has proposed receiving the grant directly and run the camp independently.

*Commissioner Young* made a Motion we fund the grant in the amount of \$60,000 directly to CFF for the 2013 Aviation Summer Camp; *Secretary Avent* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Projects for Consideration**

Mr. Werts called on Mr. Stephens to present the following capital improvement projects for consideration that are staff supported.

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|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Orangeburg Municipal Airport | ALP Update & Dev. Bus Plan                | State \$10,433, Total \$132,324   |
| Hilton Head Airport          | Enviro. Assess./Cost Analysis, 5 yr. Plan | State \$37,856, Total \$1,048,338 |
| Cheraw Municipal Airport     | Construct, Light, Mark, Parallel Taxiway  | State \$38,193, Total \$763,863   |
| Lancaster County Airport     | Taxiway A-Pave & Light                    | State \$7,594, Total \$151,886    |
| Greenwood County Airport     | Runway 9 Obstruction Removal              | State 6,976, Total \$139,531      |
| Hilton Head Airport          | Runway 21 Tree Removal/Sign Replacement   | State \$16,061, Total \$321,220   |
| Santee Cooper Airport        | Runway 20 Obstruction Survey/Tree Remove  | State \$9,250, Total \$185,000    |
| Santee Cooper Airport        | Runway 2 Obstruction Survey/Tree Remove   | State \$29,420, Total \$588,400   |
| Hartsville Regional Airport  | Runway Safety Area Dev., & Approach Clear | State \$10,984, Total \$185,000   |
| Fairfield County Airport     | Improve Runway Safety/Runway 4/22         | State \$6,775, Total \$135,500    |

*Secretary Avent* made a Motion to approve the requests as presented; *Commissioner Young* seconded; and after discussion; all approved.

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Mr. Stephens further presented the following Director's approved grant awards for information:

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| Hilton Head Airport      | Amendment to 2010 Grant/detailed tree survey | State \$4,095, Total \$163,814 |
| Marlboro County Jetport  | NAVAD Rehabilitation                         | State \$4,891, Total \$178,770 |
| Greenwood County Airport | Runway 9 Approach Survey/Clearing            | State \$1,596, Total \$63,817  |

**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. Murphy, FAA Regional Administrator, gave a brief overview of the FAA's commitment to South Carolina. He discussed the great working relationship between the FAA-Atlanta District Office, and the SCAC staff. The FAA has awarded grants valued at over \$148 M to South Carolina in the last three years.

**District Reports**

**District 1 – Commissioner Harmon** – Reported 70 laser incidents in one month in Horry County. Reported that there is decreased activity at Myrtle Beach Airport due to airline pulling out and he reported the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) in November there would be an event honoring the Tuskegee Airmen. **Commissioner Harmon** mentioned incidents of helicopter noise at Broadway at the Beach.

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

**District 4 – Commissioner Kappel** – Wanted everyone to know how glad he is to be here and how impressed he is with everything.

**District 5 – Commissioner Avent** – Reported all project at his district airports are looking good. Chester is coordinating well with Charlotte Airport for jumping.

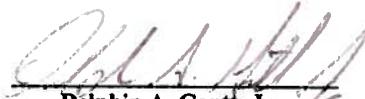
**New/Other Business**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2012 to be held at SCAC, West Columbia facility.

**Adjournment**

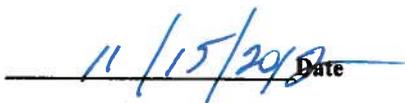
There being no further business, **Commissioner Harmon** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Secretary Avent** seconded, and all approved.

  
Barry G. Avent  
Commission Secretary

  
Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman

  
Revé M. Richardson  
Commission Recording Secretary

  
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Commission Vice-Chairman

  
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