

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**June 27, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m., Columbia, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large  
Frank W. Young, M. D. District 2  
Matthew J. Kappel, Esq., District 4  
William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, Vice-Chairman & District 6

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

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

**Commission Member Absent**

Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 1  
John R. Hunt, M.D., District 3

**Visitors:**

Ira E. "Bud" Coward, Former Commissioner  
Barry G. Avent, Former Commissioner  
Jim Hamilton, Commissioner Emeritus  
Janson Finkbeiner, SC Avionics Service

**Visitors (Cont'd)**

Bill New, SCAA President  
Riley Eason, P.E., W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc.  
John R. Hodge, Esq., SCAC Consulting Attorney

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Chairman Gantt* called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and requested *Vice-Chairman Dabney* give the invocation. *Chairman Gantt* welcomed *Commissioner VanAntwerp*, our new commissioner from District 5, to his first meeting of the Commission. Mr. Werts then requested our visitors introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the May 30, 2013 Commission meeting for approval. *Vice-Chairman Dabney* made a Motion the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Commissioner Young* seconded, and all approved.

**Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports**

Aviation Fuel Sales Report and Flight Operations Report were accepted as presented.

Mr. Werts requested Mr. Coward update the Commission on Legislative actions in regard to the budget. Mr. Coward stated that we had requested an appropriations increase of \$175,000 but only received \$100,000 to improve avionics for our aircraft. Requested \$425,000 in non-recurring funds for ramp improvements but were issued a Proviso allowing use of State Aviation Funds to make ramp improvements instead, which was vetoed by the Governor but overrode by the House and will go to the Senate for vote. In addition, Proviso 117.130 is to study chartering of aircraft vs. owning aircraft by the State Budget and Control Board (B&CB) was passed by the General Assembly. The analysis must be presented to the Governor and General Assembly no later than January 1, 2014. It was agreed by the Commission to see if *Vice-Chairman Dabney* could be appointed to this Proviso Study Committee. The total appropriation for Aeronautics for FY13/14 is \$1.27M.

Mr. Werts announced that revenues have exceeded expectations for this past fiscal year. One of the Commission's goals for the next few years should be to increase the overall appropriations for Aeronautics. Mr. Werts presented the findings of the June 30, 2012 Audit that found no exceptions as a result of procedures. The Commission offered their appreciation to Mrs. Richardson for her great work on the success of our first audit.

Mr. Werts called on Mr. Stephens to present the Airport Projects and the proposed State Aviation Fund Grants for approval.

**Projects for Consideration**

**Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport**

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport for runway safety area extension and an environmental assessment study. The state portion of the project is \$10,408 and the total project amount is \$208,150. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman Dabney* made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by *Commissioner Young*, and after discussion, all approved.

**Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport**

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport for an amendment to SCAC Grant #11-010 to rehabilitate the terminal apron with 33,000 square yards of new concrete and 29,000 square yards of new asphalt including associated connecting taxiways. The state portion of the project is \$6,396 and the total project amount is \$255,840. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman Dabney* made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by *Commissioner Young*, and after discussion, all approved.

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**South Carolina Aviation Association**

Mr. Stephens presented an Aviation Fund Grant for the following: 1) Quarterly Newsletter \$18,000; 2) SC Aviation Safety Council \$10,000; 3) Aviation Education \$11,000; 4) Aviation Week \$6,000; and 5) Ambassador Passport Program \$2,000 for a total grant in the amount of \$47,000. *Chairman Gantt* made a Motion the grant be approved as presented, seconded by *Vice-Chairman Dabney*, and after discussion, all approved.

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

Darlington County Airport	Apron & Taxilanes Rehabilitation-Phase 2	State \$2,579, Total \$51,582
Spartanburg D'town Mem. Airport	Amend/SCAC Grant 11-018, Engineering, Design, etc.	State \$ 802, Total \$20,864

Mr. Stephens presented the State Aviation Funds budget commitments for FY13/14 for approval:

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
State Aviation Maintenance	\$1,200,000
Aircraft Maintenance & Repair	\$ 300,000
Federal Match	\$ 200,000
State Aviation Administration	\$ 707,000
State Aviation Support Services	\$ 227,500
Grants	\$ 50,000
Rehabilitation SCAC Apron & Taxiway	\$ 500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,184,500</b>

*Chairman Gantt* made a **Motion** to approve the above budgets as presented; however, a \$100,000 grant is to be issued to the SC Department of Agriculture from the State Aviation Administration budget for acquiring fuel measuring test equipment for avgas and jet fuel, *Vice-Chairman Dabney* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**District Reports**

*Commissioner Young* – No report.

*Commissioner Kappel* – Announced that the playground equipment for young children is in place in the playground area at the Greenville Downtown Airport and it is a great place for the children to play and watch planes arrive at the airport. In addition, he said that he and his son participated in the runway run and that he'd never realized how long a runway really is until that event.

*Commissioner VanAntwerp* – No report.

*Vice-Chairman Dabney* – No report.

**New/Other Business**

*Chairman Gantt* requested the Commissioners consider the following items for discussion at the next meeting: 1) election of a secretary and a vice-chairman for the Commission and 2) consider new policy on whether everyone should pay for flights in the future. *Chairman Gantt* announced that Mr. Henderson has retired from his position as Director of Operations at Columbia Metropolitan Airport. The Commission appreciates his years of dedicated service to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport and to aviation in South Carolina. Also, the Commission will discuss the IRS review at the September meeting.

**Presentations**

*Chairman Gantt* made presentations of appreciation for their service to the Commission and to the state to Barry G. Avent who left the Commission following the April meeting and Dennis L. Dabney who is leaving the Commission at the end of August. They will both be missed for their exemplary service and knowledge of aviation, which they brought to the Commission.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Greenville Downtown Airport. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the Greenville Aviation Expo

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, *Chairman Gantt* moved the meeting be adjourned, *Commissioner Kappel* seconded, and all approved.

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 Commission Secretary

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 Commission Recording Secretary

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 Commission Chairman

*Dennis L. Dabney*  
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 Commission Vice-Chairman

10/17/2013 Date  
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