

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
October 17, 2013
10:00 a.m., West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large
John R. Hunt, M. D., District 3
Matthew J. Kappel, Esq., District 4
William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary
James Stephens, Program Manager
Hugh Tuttle, Chief Pilot
Wayne Corley, State Airport Engineer
Melody Mikell, Accountant and Grants Manager

Visitors:

Wayne Fritz, SC Dept. of Commerce
Janson Finkbeiner, SC Avionics Service
Dr. Russell David, Celebrate Freedom Foundation
Jack Lovelady, Celebrate Freedom Foundation
General John Lenti, Celebrate Freedom Foundation
Johnathan Bryan, Sumter County
Charlie Farrell, SC Dept. of Commerce

Commission Members Absent

Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2
Districts 1 and 6, Vacant

Visitors (Cont'd)

Dave Lipski, Eagle Aviation
Katie Anderson, Guest of Dr. Harmon

Welcome & Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the June 27, 2013 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Harmon* made a Motion the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Commissioner Hunt* seconded, and all approved.

Presentation-Aviation Task Force

Mr. Farrell presented the new Aviation Task Force Strategic Plan (the Plan) and read portions of the Plan that are pertinent to the Commission. Mr. Farrell will meet with Secretary Hitt within the next few days and the Secretary will make the decision on a release date. The initial release will be electronically and the Aviation Task Force requests comments from the Commission members and the aviation community.

Presentation-Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF)

General Lenti and President Lovelady presented an accounting of the Aviation Science Summer Camp held this past summer. CFF partnered with Clemson University and the camp held at Camp Long. They changed their philosophy to reach-out to more well-rounded students who would be open to a range of aviation positions and with potential toward leadership and went into discussions on STEM development and the impacts to enticing aeronautical students from South Carolina. At the end of the overview, Dr. David gave a presentation to *Chairman Gantt* and Mr. Werts to commemorate the second annual summer camp.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Werts presented the financials for FY 2013 showing a cash balance in the general fund of \$73,355, \$319,818 in operating revenue carryover providing a total cash balance at the end of the year of \$458,551. Mr. Werts told the Commission about the lack of Aviation Fuel Tax collections for the past three months that should have come to Aeronautics. He updated the Commission concerning the legal issues associated with the maintenance project specification for Barnwell and Dillon that has been encountered due to a bid protest. This protest will push this project to FY 14/15 due to this work having to be done during hot months of the year. Mr. Werts continued by informing the Commission about the following items: 1) Bid in progress for Electrical Services Contract; 2) Bids for Geo Tech and Surveying Contracts; 3) Governor's Budget for FY14/15 submitted with an appropriation request of \$150,000 for land use development; and 4) DBE issue with which he is dealing. He notified the Commission of receipt of two new FAA grants totaling approximately \$2M. Also, he reminded the Commission about the Aircraft Ownership/Charter Feasibility Report due on January 1. Mr. Dabney is on this Committee and is being very proactive on behalf of SCAC. Aviation Week was a great success this year with lots of press, proclamations, and events.

Mr. Werts stated that the SC Department of Agriculture (Agriculture) contacted him concerning the \$100,000 grant approved at the June 27th meeting. The \$100,000 grant was approved to acquire fuel measuring test equipment for avgas and jet fuel. When Agriculture contacted the company to make purchase, they discovered the purchase price is \$118,000. Mr. Werts requests SCAC increase the grant to \$118,000 to Agriculture based on this information. *Chairman Gantt* made a Motion to increase the original \$100,000 grant by \$18,000 to Agriculture; *Commissioner Kappel* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Mr. Werts called on Mr. Tuttle for a report on the flight department. Mr. Tuttle stated that the upgrades to the King Air 350 were completed with the addition of a Garman 500 added to the cockpit with a XM Satellite Weather System. In addition, a Sky Watch System was added to the existing Garmin 500 in the King Air C90. He is very happy with the upgrades. Also, the flying hours are up with 60.5 percent of the flights being user reimbursed.

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

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Projects for Consideration

Grand Strand Airport-Horry County

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Grand Strand Airport for ramp rehabilitation, Schedule 1, construction and construction administration. The state portion of the project is \$130,866 and the total project amount is \$2,617,311. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Harmon** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner VanAntwerp**, and after discussion, all approved.

Robert F. Swinnie Airport-Georgetown County

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Robert F. Swinnie Airport for construction of a hangar taxiway that provides direct access to the runway and includes the apron areas in front of the hangars. The state portion of the project is \$10,372 and the total project amount is \$207,442. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Harmon** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Kappel**, and after discussion, all approved.

Greenville Downtown Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Greenville Downtown Airport for refurbishing the airfield signage system and installing taxiway lights on taxiways "C" and "D". The state portion of the project is \$46,514 and the total project amount is \$930,290. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Kappel** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Harmon**, and after discussion, all approved.

Rock Hill-York County-Bryant Field

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Rock Hill-York County-Bryant Field for an apron and taxiway rehabilitation design. The state portion of the project is \$8,333 and the total project amount is \$166,667. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner VanAntwerp** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Kappel**, and after discussion, all approved.

Barnwell Regional Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Barnwell Regional Airport for an airport layout plan update. The state portion of the project is \$7,086 and the total project amount is \$141,728. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Harmon** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Hunt**, and after discussion, all approved.

Aiken Municipal Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Aiken Municipal Airport to finish the remaining part of the airport perimeter fence project. The state portion of the project is \$9,557 and the total project amount is \$191,135. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Harmon** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Hunt**, and after discussion, all approved.

Greenwood County Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Greenwood County Airport for design, predesign investigation services and permitting services for the pavement and lighting rehabilitation for Runway 9-27. The state portion of the project is \$8,375 and the total project amount is \$167,502. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Kappel** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Hunt**, and after discussion, all approved.

Anderson Regional Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Anderson Regional Airport for Runway 23 aviation easements (Phase 1) includes associated title work, surveys/plats, appraisals, review appraisals, legal fees, and acquisition costs of easements on 34 parcels. The state portion of the project is \$28,821 and the total project amount is \$578,416. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Harmon** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Hunt**, and after discussion, all approved.

Pageland Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Pageland Airport for construction of stub taxiway. The state portion of the project is \$8,016 and the total project amount is \$201,554. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Harmon** made a Motion the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Hunt**, and after discussion, all approved.

Lexington County @ Pelion

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Lexington County @ Pelion Airport for an airport layout plan update including a business plan and T-hangar, taxiway and fencing project. The state portion of the project is \$37,230 and the total project amount is \$1,002,182. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner**

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Harmon made a **Motion** the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Hunt**, and after discussion, all approved.

Berkeley County Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Berkeley County Airport for Runway 23 approach. The state portion of the project is \$25,927 and the total project amount is \$583,693. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Harmon** made a **Motion** the project be approved as presented, seconded by **Commissioner Hunt**, and after discussion, all approved.

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

Jim Hamilton/L.B. Owens Airport	Taxiway Extension Design-Phase 2	State \$4,673, Total \$ 93,460
Pickens County Airport	Land Acquisition within Approach Runway 5	State \$3,250, Total \$270,500

Celebrate Freedom Foundation

Mr. Stephens presented the costs associated with the Aviation Science Summer Camp last summer. He then presented the proposed budget for the camp in FY13/14 as prepared by CFF in the amount of \$75,318. Mr. Stephens feels CFF did an outstanding job with the camp last year and recommends approval of this project. **Chairman Gantt** made a **Motion** we fund the grant in the amount of \$70,000, **Commissioner Harmon** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

District Reports

Commissioner Hunt – Presented an estimate prepared by Baker Corporation for the renovation of the Anderson Regional Airport terminal building in the amount of \$140,000. **Commissioner Hunt** said the County feels they can come up with their portion of the cost. Mr. Werts accepted the estimate for review and said he would get back with Anderson County and with the Commissioner.

Commissioner Kappel – Stated that the second year of the Greenville Expo was great. Mr. Stephens further stated that pilot and aviation professional attendance was up and two airplanes sold during the event. Expo personnel feel they need to work on more attendees for the third year of the event.

Commissioner VanAntwerp – Said that he had spoken with Brian Sutton of Air Medical and he had proposed that there are holes in our AWOS system. He is just giving us a heads up that this is something we will be hearing about in the near future.

Commissioner Harmon – No report.

Executive Session

Mr. Werts requested the Commission go into executive session to discuss grant assurances and contracts

Commissioner Harmon made a **Motion** for the Commission to go into executive session to discuss grant assurances and contracts. **Commissioner Kappel** seconded and all approved.

Following the executive session, the Commission returned to open session and announced no action was taken.

Adjournment

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

Vacant
Commission Secretary



Revé M. Richardson
Commission Recording Secretary

12/13/2013 Date



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
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Commission Vice-Chairman

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