

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
February 12, 2014
4:00 PM, Isle of Palms, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large
 John R. Hunt, M. D., District 3
 William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5
 Carroll W. Joye, District 6
 Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director
 James Stephens, Program Manager
 Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary

Commission Members Absent

District 1 - Vacant
 Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2
 Matthew J. "Matt" Kappel, Esq., District 4

Visitors:

Don Purcell, SCAA
 Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
 Bill New, SCAA
 Whitney Cain, SCAA
 Andrew Fulghum, Jasper County
 Tom Hinkel, Horry County Development Assoc.
 Bud Coward, Past SCAC Commissioner

Visitors (Cont'd)

Barbara B. Clark, Jasper County
 Ken Holt, Holt Consulting Co.
 Greg Hall, SCAA

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order at 4:30 with *Commission Harmon* conferenced in by phone while he completes his drive to the Wild Dunes Resort and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and requested *Commissioner Hunt* give the invocation. *Chairman Gantt* welcomed *Commissioner Joye* to the Commission and stated that he knew he would be an excellent addition with his twenty-two years in aviation. *Chairman Gantt* welcomed our guests and requested they introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the December 13, 2013 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrects. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Werts presented the financials, the Executive Director's Report, the Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Revenues, and the Flight Department Report. Mr. Werts announced that we were at sixty percent of our budget and that we will meet our overall budget. *Chairman Gantt* announced that Ms. Mikell will be giving a budget and finance class to the Commissioners. When a date is set for this class, *Chairman Gantt* will notify everyone.

Mr. Werts announced that SCAC has requested the \$500,000 SCAC received in the past from the General Assembly annually for Grant Match be reinstated. SCAC has also requested a Proviso of the House Ways & Means Sub-Committee for a Study of the State Aviation Fund. State sales tax on aviation fuel goes to the general fund and then is transferred to the State Aviation Fund. The intent of the Study is to determine accountability of fuel and airline and cargo property tax, if they are reported in accordance to state statute and to make recommendations for enhancing capital improvements and maintenance service needs to South Carolina airports. Hopefully, this Study will be undertaken either this year or next by the General Assembly or by the Commission.

Mr. Werts will be meeting with Ms. Moon of the Senate Finance Sub-committee next week. Mr. Werts announced he will be attending the NASAO Conference in Washington DC February 25-27. If anyone has any concerns or issues you wish him to address, please send them to him via email.

Projects for Consideration (Commissioner Harmon Arrived at Meeting)

Mr. Stephens presented the following Federal Aviation Association, state and local capital improvement projects for consideration:

Greenville Downtown Airport	Sealcoat Terminal & Hangar Areas	State \$14,790	Total \$ 19,720
Sumter Airport	Terminal Apron Phase I Design; Construct, Taxilane Phase I Design; Land Acq. 5 Parcels	State \$ 8,325	Total \$572,194

Chairman Gantt made a Motion the Greenville Downtown Airport project be held over until the March meeting and the Sumter Airport project in the amount of \$8,325 be approved as presented, seconded by *Commissioner VanAntwerp*; and after discussion, all approved.

District Reports

Commissioner Hunt - Reported on an aircraft owner's plane that caught fire at Greenwood County Airport was caused by a short under the panel. No one was hurt. This incident caused a lot of press which was in most cases wrong and has been very unfortunate for the airport and they are very unhappy about it. Nothing improper occurred there but the incident was extremely unfortunate for both the airport and the individual.

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Commissioner VanAntwerp – Spoke about the move underway to have “aviation activities” added to an existing state statute for private airports for which he is in favor. **Commissioner VanAntwerp** is requesting that the Commission support this movement as a matter of safety. Representatives Taylor and Simrill are heading this effort.

Commissioner Joye – No report but looks forward to working with the Commission.

Commissioner Harmon – Reported he has not been to all the airports in his district but will be visiting Florence later this month. Mr. Werts met at Georgetown County Airport with the Georgetown delegation to discuss various projects at Georgetown and they are going to consider some of those. Exciting times for aviation, his district, and the state and looks forward to working with everyone

Chairman Gantt asked Mr. Coward if he had any comments concerning legislative matters and he stated it was important that the Commissioners attend the Senate Finance Sub-committee meeting in March chaired by Senator Setzler. Sub-committee members are Senators Cleary and Nickleson.

Mr. Werts called on Mr. Hinkel of Horry County who announced that Ms. Apone was just appointed as Airport Director for Horry County Airports.

Mr. Stephens introduced Mr. Purcell of SCAA. Mr. Purcell announced that there are four winners of the Passport Project. He then showed the leather jacket to be presented to these winners during the conference. Mr. Purcell also announced the new SCAA “App” which is being kicked off at the Conference.

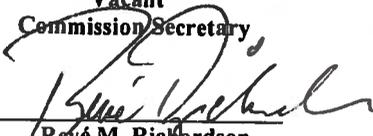
Chairman Gantt announced the two dates presented for the Senate Sub-committee meeting are March 6 or March 13. The Commission members preferred March 13. **Chairman Gantt** will confirm March 13 with Ms. Moon. All Commissioners in attendance put this on their calendar to attend and **Chairman Gantt** will notify the absent Commissioners of this date and time.

The next meeting date is March 27, 2014 at the SCAC Facility in West Columbia at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

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

Vacant
Commission Secretary


Revé M. Richardson

Commission Recording Secretary

3/27/14 Date

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Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman

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Commission Vice-Chairman

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