

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
June 19, 2014
10:00 a.m., West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large
George P. Waters, District 1
Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2
Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District 4
William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5
Carroll W. Joye, District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director
James Stephens, Program Manager
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary
Ericka Thomas, Recording Secretary
Melody Mikell, Accountant and Grants Manager

Commission Member(s) Absent

John R. Hunt, M.D., District 3
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., Secretary/District 7

Visitors:

Bud Coward, Past SCAC Commissioner
John Galloway, Grandson, Commissioner Waters
Andy Fulghum, County Administrator, Jasper County
Barbara Clark, Vice Chairwoman, Jasper County

Visitors (Cont'd)

Don Purcell, SC Aviation Association (SCAA)
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting Company
Paul Holt, Holt Consulting Company

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and gave the invocation. *Chairman Gantt* requested the visitors introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the May 22, 2014 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

Legislative Update

Mr. Werts reported budget proviso's for FY 2015. A new proviso, 87.6 must be completed by October 1, 2014, which pertains to the collection of tax revenues associated with fuel taxes and airline cargo property tax.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Werts presented the financials, the Executive Director's report, and the Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Revenue. Mr. Werts announced the \$750,000 for repairs to the SCAC ramp and \$500,000 for SCAC Grant Match, as approved by the General Assembly. In addition, Mr. Werts reported that the Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Revenue for FY 13-14 is less than the FY 12-13 collections.

Mr. Werts presented the FY 14-15 State Aviation Fund Budget Maintenance & Support Service Program for discussion and approval from the Commission. *Chairman Gantt* made a Motion to approve the FY 14-15 proposed maintenance support service programs as presented, *Commissioner Waters* seconded, and after discussed, all approved.

Chairman Gantt reported the mayor of Lake City requested a meeting with Mr. Werts, Mr. Stephens, along with additional SCAC staff, on June 24, 2014 to discuss the future of the Lake City Airport. *Commissioner Joye* agreed to attend as well.

Mr. Werts announced that he had been selected to serve on the Challenger Learning Center of Richland County School District One Advisory Council. One SCAC staff member will be attending Oshkosh, July 28 – August 3, and working the NASAO booth. *Chairman Gantt* and the commissioners decided to attend the Aviation Week dinner individually instead of purchasing a table.

Projects for Consideration

Ridgeland Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Ridgeland Airport, which includes the acquisition of eight fee simple parcels and 59 easements. This project covers professional services for closing on the fee simple parcels, professional services for purchasing the easements, and estimated costs of the easements. The state portion of the project request is \$432,694 with a total project amount of \$709,617. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Joye* made a Motion to approve the project as presented, and *Commissioner Young* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Newberry County Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Newberry County Airport for apron rehabilitation and expansion. The state portion of the project is \$56,242, and the total project amount is \$1,124,829. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project. *Chairman Gantt* made a Motion to approve funding of this project as presented, and *Commissioner Waters* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

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South Carolina Aviation Association

Mr. Stephens presented a State Aviation Fund grant for the following: 1) Quarterly Newsletter; 2) SC Aviation Safety Council; 3) Aviation/Airport Education; 4) Aviation Week; 5) Ambassador Passport Program; 6) Airport Safety and Maintenance Program; and 7) SC Aviation Hall of Fame for a total grant in the amount of \$70,750. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project in the amount of \$56,000. *Commissioner VanAntwerp* made a Motion the grant be approved in the amount of \$56,000 as the SCAC staff recommended, *Commissioner Waters* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

District Reports

Commissioner Waters – All airports doing well.

Commissioner Young – No report.

District 3- On behalf of *Commissioner Hunt*, *Chairman Gantt* reminded everyone of the Greenwood Aviation Day, Saturday 21, 2014. The air show will be composed of six different events. If you're planning to fly into the airport, be aware it closes at 2 pm and will reopen at 4pm.

Vice Chairman Kappel – No report.

Commissioner VanAntwerp – No report.

Commissioner Joye – No report.

New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt announced that the next proposed meeting date will be in August with the day to be determined.

Mr. Purcell of SCAA requested guidance from the commission regarding sales tax being placed on aviation parts and what action; if any, the association should undertake.

Executive Session

Chairman Gantt made a Motion that the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. *Commissioner Waters* seconded, and all approved. Following the Executive Session, the Commission returned to open session and announced that no action was taken.

Adjournment

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



Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.
Commission Secretary



Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Recording Secretary

August 19, 2014 Date



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman



Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.
Commission Vice-Chairman

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