

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
August 19, 2014
2:00 p.m., Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman at-Large
George P. Waters, District 1
John R. Hunt, M.D., District 3
Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District 4
William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James D. Stephens, Interim Director
Paul G. Werts, Program Manager
Ericka Thomas, Recording Secretary
Melody Mikell, Accountant and Grants Manager

Commission Member(s) Absent

Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2
Carroll Joye, District 6

Visitors:

Chris LeCroy, Clemson Chamber of Commerce
John Ferguson, Florence Regional Airport
Rossie Corwon, Greenwood County Airport
Steven Pate, SCAC Summer Intern

Visitors (Cont'd)

Vareva Harris, Benedict College
Whitney Moon, South Carolina Senate Finance

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and *Commissioner Waters* gave the invocation. Mr. James Stephens introduced the visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Stephens presented the financials for FY 2013 - 2014 showing the General Fund received \$1,234,044 of appropriated funds at the beginning of the FY 2013 - 2014 with expenditures for all FY 2013 - 2014 funds of \$1,191,970 for the general fund, with a carryover to the FY 2014 - 2015 of \$42,074 and a carryover from FY 2012 - 2013 of \$73,355, leaving a cash balance in the General Fund of \$115,420. Under Other Funds Operating Results, Aeronautics had an ending cash balance of \$355,020 after revenue and expenses for this past fiscal year.

Mr. Stephens reported the \$300,000 budgeted for the airport pavement rejuvenation still remained in the State Aviation Fund for maintenance due to delays because of the protest filed for awarding the contract. In addition, Mr. Stephens reported that the Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Revenue for FY 2013 - 2014 is approximately \$700,000 less than the FY 2012-2013 collections.

Mr. Stephens presented the financials for the FY 2015 as of July 31, 2014. The general fund received an increase in appropriated funds, showing the cash balance in the general fund as of July 31, 2014 as \$1,855,870. This includes \$500,000 that was appropriated for projects out of the General fund. Again in this current fiscal year, Aeronautics has a little over 3 million budgeted to be used for Statewide Projects and operating expenses from Other Funds.

Mr. Stephens presented the Director's Report for any questions or discussions. *Commissioner Harmon* proposed a question regarding the SC Historic Aviation Foundation's plans for the Curtiss-Wright hangar and what can the Commission do to support the Foundation. Mr. Stephens stated that he had talked with the SC Historic Foundation and at this time they did not have a formalized plan and it would be approximately 30 days before having a plan, and options for the hangar. In addition, *Commissioner Harmon* asked for additional information on Mr. Werts attendance at the 2014 Bird Strike US meeting. Mr. Werts reported that there are more bird strikes occurring causing approximately \$1.2 billion in engine damage and aircraft have reported bird encounters as high as 31,000 feet. Mr. Werts requested the Commissioners report all bird strikes to the USDA.

Projects for Consideration

Greenwood County Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Greenwood County Airport, which includes an ALP update; bidding, construction, construction phase services, and grant services for the pavement and lighting rehabilitation for Runway 9-27. The state portion of the project request is \$157,470 with a total project amount of \$3,149,401. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Chairman Gantt* made a Motion to approve the project as presented, and *Commissioner Hunt* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center for the Runway safety area and drainage improvements for Runway 05/23. This project includes the full design for the airfield and construction of Phase 1. The state portion of the project is \$7,080, and the total project amount is \$141,609. 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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Orangeburg Municipal Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Orangeburg Municipal Airport for wildlife fencing and the installation of 2,300 feet of eight (8) foot high chain link fencing, and replacement of 760 feet of six (6) foot high fencing. This project was completed prior to the submission of the grant request. The SCAC staff does not recommend approval of the project in the amount of \$20,901. **Commissioner Harmon** made a **Motion** to not approve the grant request in the amount of \$20,901 as the SCAC staff recommended based on the late submission of the application, **Commissioner Waters** seconded. The vote was as follows: three (3) voted for the decision to support the staff's recommendation and two (2) voted for the approval of the request for funding.

Florence Regional Airport

Mr. Stephens presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Florence Regional Airport for airfield guidance signage, installation of new medium intensity taxiway lighting systems on taxiways B, B3, and D; installation of a new airfield standby generator; wildlife assessment and airfield storm water drainage system refurbishment. The state portion of the project is \$60,195, and the total project amount is \$1,203,904. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project. **Chairman Gantt** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, and **Commissioner Harmon** seconded, and after discussion, all approved

District Reports

Commissioner Waters – Reported the recent accident and fatality at the Mt. Pleasant Regional airport which is under investigation by the FAA.

Commissioner Hunt – Congratulated Rossie Corwon (Greenwood County Airport) on a fantastic job she did arranging the Greenwood County Aviation Expo in June, 2014. Ms. Corwon reported there were approximately 5600 people in attendance at the Greenwood County Aviation Expo. The Expo will be held in May or June of 2015.

Vice Chairman Kappel – Announced that the taxiways at Greenville have all been renamed and wanted to remind everyone of the Triple Tree Fly-In in September.

Commissioner VanAntwerp – No Report.

Commissioner Harmon – No Report.

New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt announced that the next meeting date will be September 27, 2014 at the Greenville Downtown Airport. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Greenville Aviation Expo.

Chairman Gantt requested the Commission to consider scheduling the 2015 Commission meeting in the different Districts.

Chairman Gantt announced the creation of the Paul Werts Scholarship Fund by the Celebrate Freedom Foundation. The details and criteria for the scholarship will be released at a later date.

Executive Session

Chairman Gantt made a **Motion** that the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. **Commissioner Harmon** 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 Waters** seconded, and all approved.



Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.
Commission Secretary



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman



Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Recording Secretary



Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.
Commission Vice-Chairman

September 26, 2014 Date

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