

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
November 13, 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
John R. Hunt, M.D., District 3
William C. 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
Matthew J. Kappel, Vice-Chairman, District 4
Carroll Joye, District 6

Visitors:

Bud Coward
Johnathon Bryan, Sumter County
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting

Visitors (Cont'd)

Terry Macaluso, W.K. Dickson & Company, Inc.
Robert Moser, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Don Purcell, South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA)

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 *Commissioner Hunt* gave the invocation. Mr. James Stephens introduced the visitors.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the September 26, 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. Stephens presented the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC) Legislative Update, and reported that the SCAA would like to address the Commission regarding Section 12-36-2120, which details the aircraft parts currently exempted from sales tax. Don Purcell, President of the South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA) has requested the support of the SCAC on amending Section 12-36-2120 to remove the limitation of the exemption to only the repair or reconditioning of aircraft owned or leased to the federal government or commercial air carriers. Mr. Purcell also reported that the impact to the state's general fund would be minimal, and that the amendment of Section 12-36-2120 would provide economic growth in South Carolina for the aircraft industry.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of October 31, 2014 showing the total Operating results of \$803,238, and leaving a cash balance of \$1,780,346. The State Aviation fund received \$307,394.72 in September and October of FY 2014-2015 from the Aviation Fuel Tax bringing the available State Aviation Fund balance to \$4,539,419.39. As of October 31, 2014 the total commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund were \$3,861,292.36 leaving \$678,127.03 cash available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens presented the Director's Report and asked for any questions or discussions. Mr. Stephens recognized Mihir Shah, SCAC's Lead Aviation Planner for his presentation of the Compatible Land-Use Evaluation Tool to the South Carolina chapter of the American Planning Association. In addition, Mr. Stephens and Chairman Gantt visited the Center for Advanced Technical Studies (CATS) to discuss the Aerospace Engineering program of study.

Mr. Stephens discussed the SCAC Standard Operating Procedures Manual, and the need to insert billing language. The proposed language will specify the parties which are exempt from flight charges, as well as those which will be charged for flights. The Commission agreed that the language should be inserted.

Mr. Stephens presented a draft letter to the Commission concerning SCAC's Apron and Tenant Lease at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport which has been in effect since 1978. Mr. Stephens proposed to release Parcel D and sections of Parcel B and C (totaling approximately 6.11 acres) from the current lease due to inability to use or to develop caused by specific restrictions. The Commission approved the plan, and agreed for Mr. Stephens to proceed with the lease negotiations with the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

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Projects for Consideration

AIRPORT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FAA GRANT	LOCAL SHARE	STATE SHARE	TOTAL PROJECT COST
Farfield County (FDW)	Runway 4/22 Safety Area Improvements	\$1,613,479	\$89,638	\$89,638	\$1,792,755
Hilton Head Island (HID)	(A) Reimbursable for the Environmental Categorical Exclusion Service (B) Engineering Design and Bidding Services for Relocate Taxiway "A" and the General Aviation Apron Including Realignment of Taxiway "I" (C) Engineering Design Services for an Airfield Drainage Plan (D) Remove Trees between Air Traffic Control Tower and the General Aviation Apron (E) Environmental Assessment for Removing Trees to Runway 03 Approach (F) Engineering Design and Construction Services For Relocate Remote Transmitter Receiver (RTR)	\$817,750	\$45,430	\$45,431	\$908,611
Ridgeland (3J1) / Jasper County	Phase I - Preliminary Engineering Design Services for a 4200' X 75' Runway to include Final Engineering Design Plans and Specs for Clearing, Grading, and Drainage of a 4,200' X 75' Runway	\$600,000	\$33,334	\$33,333	\$666,667
Sahula County (6J4)	Install 15,000 Linear Feet of Perimeter Fencing Including Access Gates	\$392,645	\$21,813	\$21,813	\$436,271
Spartanburg Downtown (SPA)	Phase I - Extend Runway 23 by 600' (To 5,800'). Engineering Design and Construction Services for Environmental Mitigation and Site Prep	\$6,793,972	\$377,443	\$377,443	\$7,548,858
Woodward Field (CDN)	Land Acquisition -27 Parcels to Improve Runway 6/24 Safety Area	\$1,298,250	\$72,125	\$72,125	\$1,442,500
GRAND TOTAL		\$11,516,096	\$639,783	\$639,783	\$12,795,662

The SCAC staff recommends approval on all six projects listed above. *Chairman Gantt* made a *Motion* to approve funding for the six projects as presented, and *Commissioner Harmon* seconded, and after discussion, all approved

Mr. Paul Werts presented a request for assistance from Sumter County. This request pertained to grant 10-020 to Sumter County for a Capital Improvement project including a runway safety area. Mr. Johnathan Bryan, attorney for Sumter County stated that during the project, Palmetto Corporation claimed to have moved an additional 10,835 cubic yards of dirt embankment, which was more than originally paid for. On June 17, 2014 the matter was brought to arbitration, and the Palmetto Corporation was awarded \$99,616.50. The request for assistance to SCAC was for \$131,638.85, which included the total amount due to the Palmetto Corporation plus legal expenses and additional engineering expenses. A motion was made by Chairman Gantt to award Sumter County 60 percent (\$59,770) of the awarded amount to Palmetto Corporation, but not including additional engineering and legal fees associated with the arbitration. This decision was based on SCAC's normal funding percentage splits for capital improvements (60/40). The motion was seconded by *Commissioner Waters*, and after discussion, all approved.

District Reports

Commissioner Waters – Charleston County Aviation Authority will be taking over the Mt. Pleasant Airport as of January 1, 2015.

Commissioner Hunt – Met with the Oconee Airport Commission concerning the approval for the grant. Announced the Oconee County Airport Manager will be retiring soon. Visited the Greenwood Airport, and was extremely pleased with the runway rehabilitation.

Commissioner VanAntwerp – No Report

Commissioner Harmon – Complimented the Florence Airport. Stated they are professional and have a nice airport with major carrier flights to Charlotte. Mentioned that the Dillon County Airport had a beacon on but very few runway lights were working and was concerned about the safety issues of not having all runway lights operating when the beacon was on.

New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt announced the 2015 proposed Commission Meeting dates with the January 14, 2015 meeting being held at the Legislative Breakfast.

Mr. Don Purcell, president of SCAA, presented the information on the National Aviation System Planning Symposium which will be held May 11 – 13, 2015. Mr. Purcell requested that the symposium be added to the SCAA's current 2014 – 2015 grant. In addition, Mr. Purcell requests that SCAC reimburse SCAA any financial deficits which may be incurred at the conclusion of the

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symposium. After discussions, the Commission proposed that a \$20,000 cap be placed on the reimbursements. *Chairman Gantt* made the motion for approving the \$20,000 cap as discussed and *Commissioner Harmon* seconded, and all approved.

Mr. Don Purcell congratulated Bud Coward on completing the Passport Program.

Executive Session

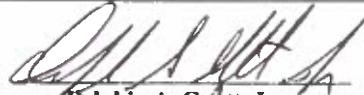
Chairman Gantt made a Motion that the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. *Commissioner Harmon* seconded and all approved. Following the Executive Session, the Commission returned to open session and announced that the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. James D. Stephens as the Executive Director of the SC Aeronautics Commission. The appointment has been submitted to Governor Haley and is awaiting final approval.

Adjournment

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



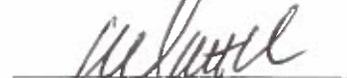
Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.
Commission Secretary



Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman



Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Recording Secretary



Matthew J. Kappel, Esq.
Commission Vice-Chairman

January 14, 2015 Date

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