

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
February 7, 2018
SCAA Annual Conference
Wild Dunes Resort/ Room Tides C
Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451

Commission Members in Attendance

Ira E. Coward, Vice-Chairman, District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Doug Barnes, District 5
Chris Bethea, District 7

Visitors

Greg Jones
Richard Haddock, Williamsburg Airport
Doug Decker, The Decker Group
Carlos Salinas, Pickens County Airport
Jonathan Bryan, Sumter County
Paul Mosses, Lancaster County
Stacy Thomas, Berkeley County Airport
Peter Stonefield
Pat Waters
Dr. John Hunt
Dr. Carolyn Donelan, Challenger Learning Center

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary
Paul Werts, Program Manager
Melody Mikell, Finance Director
Gary Siegfried, Airport Engineer

Commission Member(s) Absent

Delphin Gantt, Jr., Chairman
Vacant, District 1
Vacant, District 4
Vacant, District 6

Visitors Continued

Leigh Faircloth Wickersham, SCAA
Barbara Clark, Jasper County
Andy Fulghum, Jasper County

Welcome & Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Coward called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and *Commissioner Cooper* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Coward presented the minutes of the November 9, 2017 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 year end financials as of January 31, 2018. The State Aviation Fund received an additional \$537,274.39 from aircraft fuel sales, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund FY17-18 fuel sales tax revenue to \$1,240,857.28. This amount along with the general fund recurring appropriation and \$2,317,212.51 Airline Property Tax revenue brought the total State Aviation Fund annual revenue to \$4,058,069.89. These revenues brought the available cash balance for the year to \$9,132,304.99 leaving \$2,975,825.45 available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Stephens reported that SCAC hosted an Air Carrier Airport Managers meeting for a discussion on the needs and legislative issues faced by the airports need. Mr. Stephens also gave an update on the budget process from the state legislators. Meetings with Legislators continue with discussion on the State Aviation Fund as well as the introduction of House (H.4700) and Senate (S.792) bills. Both of these bills have been filed and are currently in progress.

Airport Development

Mr. Werts presented the Commission the information on twenty-six grants that have been submitted to the Commission for approval. *Commissioner Barnes* made a Motion to approve the funding for the twenty-six projects as presented and based on the SC Airport System Plan/Priority Ranking System and available state funds, *Commissioner Cooper* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Mr. Stephens then presented two grants for approval for the SC Aviation Association, and the Challenger Learning Center. *Commissioner Barnes* made a Motion to approve the two grants as presented, and *Commissioner Bethea* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

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Airport Name	Project Description	Priority Score	FAA Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds
Hilton Head	Install engineering material arresting system (EMAS) on end of RWY 3, extend RWY 3, RWY 3/21 object free area (OFA) relocation expenses, install window shades in air traffic control tower, execute an independent fee review of construction administration and resident inspector services including material testing services by the geotechnical firm	378	\$6,548,467	\$363,804	\$363,804	\$7,276,074
Anderson Regional	Rehabilitate RWY 5/23 to 6,002' X 100'	357	\$5,229,650	\$290,537	\$1,476,247	\$6,996,434
Spartanburg Downtown Memorial	Phase III - Rehabilitate RWY 5/23 - 5200', pave 600' extension of runway 23, install new runway edge lighting system	357	\$11,181,065	\$621,170	\$621,170	\$12,423,406
Grand Strand	Engineering design services for rehabilitating runway 5/23, including environmental services to improve airfield drainage system	318	\$607,899	\$33,772	\$33,772	\$675,443
Beaufort County	Engineering design services for 5,400 SY apron expansion, runway safety area (175' x 150'), and extend existing partial parallel taxiway to a full parallel taxiway, including RWY 7 obstruction removal	314	\$644,338	\$35,797	\$35,797	\$715,931
Lexington County Airport at Pelon	Reconstruct Runway 18/36 and runway safety areas, including installation of runway edge lighting transformers	297	\$3,908,284	\$194,905	\$194,905	\$3,898,093
Ridgeland	Engineering design services for constructing an terminal apron and access road	295	\$206,810	\$11,491	\$11,491	\$229,811
Georgetown County	Engineering design services to expand apron by 4,330 SY, engineering services to improve airport drainage, and runway 5/23 obstruction analysis	291	\$191,192	\$10,622	\$10,622	\$212,436
Donaldson Field	Reconstruct north end of Taxiway A - 3,200' X 50' including the construction of 300' of Taxiway B4 Connector	287	\$3,448,823	\$191,601	\$191,601	\$3,832,026
Florence Regional	Construct aircraft rescue and fire fighting (ARFF) building	280	\$3,670,051.00	\$203,892	\$203,892	\$4,077,834
Hilton Head	Relocate radio equipment - NexComm initiative including the relocation of Runway 03 & 21 REILS (Both task are FAA Reimbursable Agreements)	270	\$133,285	\$7,405	\$7,405	\$148,094
Greenville Downtown	Engineering design services for airfield lighting system rehab to RWY 1/19, TWY "A" & TWY "B", MALSF system to RWY 1, including taxiway "B" pavement design services	255	\$315,984	\$17,555	\$17,555	\$351,093
Lancaster County McWhirter Field	Expand aircraft parking area (435' X 225')	253	\$1,652,582	\$91,810	\$91,810	\$1,836,202
Jim Hamilton LB Owens	Install taxiway guidance signs	241	\$558,881	\$31,049	\$31,049	\$620,979
Lowcountry Regional	Acquire Airfield Emergency Generator	237	\$572,000	\$31,778	\$31,778	\$635,556
Conway Horry County	Design and install PAPI (4-Box) systems for runway 4 and 22	232	\$150,000	\$8,333	\$8,333	\$166,667
Fairfield County	Rehabilitate runway and taxiway lighting system	232	\$702,000	\$39,000	\$39,000	\$780,000
Darlington County	Engineering design and bidding services to rehabilitate RWY 5/23	230	\$191,032	\$10,613	\$10,613	\$212,258
Cheraw Municipal	Engineering design and easement analysis for obstruction removal	220	\$183,145	\$10,175	\$10,175	\$203,494
Georgetown County	Design and construct a taxiway to serve corporate hangars	210	\$0	\$286,637	\$191,091	\$477,728
St. George	Land acquisition of 7 parcels of property totaling 49.29 acres, including tree obstruction removal within the 7 parcels	210	\$374,225	\$20,790	\$20,790	\$415,806
Sumter	Rehabilitate Runway 05/23 Lighting - (include REILs) Rehabilitate Taxiway Lighting - T/W A, B, C, D and E Rehabilitate Airfield Guidance Signs Install 4-Box PAPI (both ends)	210	\$1,142,480	\$63,471	\$63,471	\$1,269,422
Greenwood County	Rehabilitate airport entrance road & auto parking area	208	\$189,041	\$10,502	\$10,502	\$210,046
PageLand Airport	Construct Taxiway Turnaround (Runway 5 End)	208	\$358,705	\$19,928	\$19,928	\$398,561
Bamberg County	Avigation easement obstruction identification and tree clearing	205	\$64,444	\$3,580	\$3,580	\$71,604
Laurens County	Rehabilitate auto parking area with concrete pavement	180	\$150,000	\$13,194	\$13,194	\$176,388
			\$41,974,403	\$2,623,410	\$3,713,574	\$48,311,387

SCAC RECOMMENDED, OTHER FUNDS

SC Aviation Association	Annual Grant: Palmetto Aviation Newsletter, Safety Committee, Educational Programs, Hall of Fame, Aviation Week, and Passport Program	\$48,270				
Challenger Learning Center	Computer and Flight Simulator Upgrades, and Drone Development Program	\$16,718				
		\$64,988				

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District Reports

Commissioner Coward – Reported that Barnwell Airport had a hangar fire that destroyed six aircraft, and the Lexington Airport at Pelion RWY is now open after the runway rehabilitation project.

Commissioner Cooper – Reported that he is having a meeting with McCormick County regarding the use of the airport in hopes to bring new business to the airport. In addition, Commissioner Cooper reported that the Pickens County Airport is constructing new hangars, and Newberry County has requested the remodeling of the terminal building.

Commissioner Barnes – Reported that the Lancaster County Airport apron extension is going well and will be completed soon.

Commissioner Bethea – Reported that he has been out introducing himself to the airports in District 7, and invited his fellow Commissioners to the Wings Over Myrtle Beach Airshow in April.

New/Other Business

Vice-Chairman Coward announced that Paul Werts will be retiring from the Aeronautics Commission at the end of February and presented him with a gift from the Aeronautics Commission for his thirty-eight years of service to the Commission.

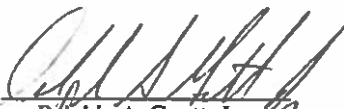
Vice-Chairman Coward presented former Commissioner George P. Waters with a King Air 350 model and desk plate for his representation on the Aeronautics Commission from February 15, 2014 - October 11, 2017.

Mr. Doug Decker of The Decker Group presented his concerns on Air Traffic Control (ATC) Privatization and pending legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives which would turn over the management of the nation's ATC system to Non-government Corporation funded users for fees. He stated that the Federal Aviation Administration has continued to improve through the years, and has continued to make progress in safety and service times, thus the opposition to the creation of a privatized ATC corporation.

- Upcoming Events
- February 20, 2018: Senate Finance sub-committee budget presentation
 - February 23, 2018: Paul Werts retirement event
 - March 7, 2018: AOPA/SCAA Aviation Day- State House grounds
 - April 28-29, 2018: Wings Over Myrtle Beach Airshow

Adjournment

There being no further business; **Vice-Chairman Coward** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Barnes** seconded, and all approved.


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Ira E. Coward
Commission Vice-Chairman


Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Secretary

04/19/2018 Date

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