

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
2553 Airport Blvd
West Columbia, South Carolina 29170

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin Gantt, Jr., Chairman
Ira E. Coward, Vice-Chairman, District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Darwin Simpson, District 4
Doug Barnes, District 5
Chris Bethea, District 7

Visitors

Rusty Burns, Anderson County
Leon Harman, Anderson County
Steve Newton, Anderson County
Don Acevedo, Anderson County
Jane Acevedo
Becky Hill, Lowcountry Regional
Tommy Rowe, Lowcountry Regional

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary
Melody Mikell, Finance Director
Gary Siegfried, Program Manager
Eric Denham, Chief Pilot

Commission Member Vacancies

Vacant, District 1
Vacant, District 6

Visitors Continued

Jeff Sloan, Lowcountry Regional
Andy Busbee, Michael Baker International
Don Purcell, Challenger Learning Foundation
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting

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 Barnes* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the April 19, 2018 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 March 31, 2018. The State Aviation Fund received an additional \$353,550.54 from aircraft fuel sales, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund FY17-18 fuel sales tax revenue to \$1,594,407.82. This amount along with the \$500,000 general fund recurring appropriation and \$2,317,212.51 Airline Property Tax revenue brought the total State Aviation Fund annual revenue to \$4,411,620.33. These revenues brought the available cash balance for the year to \$9,485,822.53, and after considering remaining budget line items and prior expenditures, left \$721,066.72 available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report, and included discussion on the effects of the Aviation Day at the statehouse and the impact of the event related to future legislative needs. In addition to this event, Mr. Stephens reported that he has presented the Economic Impact findings to several county counsels across the state. He also communicated information on the state budget process that continues to be debated in the statehouse.

Mr. Stephens then made attendees aware of upcoming events at the following locations:

- April 28-29: Wings Over Myrtle Beach
- April 28-29: 2018 Air & Space Expo in Charleston
- May 12: Wings and Wheel Air Festival
- May 19-20 Anderson Regional Airshow

Airport Development

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

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In addition, Mr. Siegfried provided an update on the SCAC ramp renovation project, stating the project would begin in May and should take approximately four weeks to complete with an estimated cost of \$650,000.

Airport Name	Project Description	Other Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds
Anderson Regional	Terminal Project	\$1,700,000	\$500,000	\$1,300,000	\$3,500,000
Lowcountry Regional	Rehabilitate and Expansion of Terminal Building	\$106,107	\$500,000	\$1,466,113	\$2,072,220
		\$1,806,107	\$1,000,000	\$2,766,113	\$5,572,220

District Reports

Commissioner Coward – Attended the ribbon cutting at the Lexington County Airport at Pelion for the new runway opening. Commissioner Coward reported that the Aiken Regional Airport had a large number of planes during the Masters week, and reported that all were happy with the great service that the airport provided. In addition, he reported that the Barnwell Airport had suffered a hangar fire in late 2017, and that the insurance reimbursement had been received and reconstruction had begun.

Commissioner Cooper – Thanked the Commission for the approval vote on the new general aviation terminal building at Anderson Regional, and also stated that the Greenwood Airport is expanding with new companies providing services at the airport. Commissioner Cooper invited everyone to the Anderson Airshow on May 19-20.

Commissioner Simpson – Introduced himself to the Commission and reported that the Spartanburg park project is completed and the runway project is underway and should be completed by the end of 2017.

Commissioner Barnes – No report

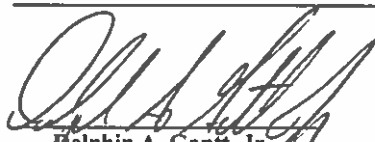
Commissioner Bethea – Reported that he has been having conversations with representatives in District 7 regarding the State Aviation Fund bills, and that he had joined Commissioner Coward, and Mr. Stephens at the Georgetown hangar event. In closing, Commissioner Bethea invited his fellow Commissioners to the Wings over Myrtle Beach Airshow in April 28-29.

New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt welcomed Darwin Simpson as Commissioner to District 4, and stated that Commissioner Simpson comes to the Commission after managing the Spartanburg Downtown Airport and serving on many other aviation related initiatives.

Adjournment

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


 Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
 Commission Chairman


 Ericka D. Thomas
 Commission Secretary


 Ira E. Coward
 Commission Vice-Chairman

June 21, 2018 Date

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