

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Greenville Downtown Airport
100 Tower Drive
Greenville, South Carolina 29607
August 24, 2018

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin Gantt, Jr., Chairman
Devon A "Al" Frances, District 1
Ira E. "Bud" Coward, Vice-Chairman, District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Darwin Simpson, District 4
Doug Barnes, District 5
Marco Cavazzoni, District 6
Chris Bethea, District 7

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary
Gary Siegfried, Program Manager
Eric Denham, Chief Pilot
Tim Truemper, Pilot

Visitors

Leigh Wickersham, SCAA
Hayle Geddings, SCAA
Randy DeBerry, FAA

Charles Jennings, McCormick Co. Council
Columbus Stephens, McCormick Co. Administrator

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 Francis* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the August 24, 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 Operating and State Aviation Fund year end financials as of June 30, 2018. He reported that although expense were slightly higher than anticipated, the revenue covered and exceeded the expenses. The State Aviation Fund received an additional \$250,183.38 from aircraft fuel sales, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund FY17-18 fuel sales tax revenue to \$2,335,683.82. This amount along with the \$500,000 general fund recurring appropriation and \$2,317,212.51 Airline Property Tax revenue, plus a refund of prior year expense/insurance claims of \$273,285.80 brought the total State Aviation Fund annual revenue to \$5,426,182.13. These revenues brought the available cash balance for the year to \$10,500,417.33, and after considering remaining budget line items and prior expenditures, left \$1,245,777.46 available for grants and projects for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Stephens then presented the FY 2018-2019 Operating and State Aviation Fund financials as of July 31, 2018. Operational numbers discussion was short due to only having one month available to report. The State Aviation Fund was reported to have a beginning balance of \$6,117,056.18. This balance along with July fuel sales tax revenues of \$224,848.20, and the general recurring appropriation of \$500,000 brought total revenue to \$6,852,023.63. After considering remaining budget line items, \$185,544.86 is available for upcoming grants.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report which outlined the events that have taken place since the last Commission Meeting in June. During this time, the administration staff has been working on the completion of Accountability Report, the Budget Presentation, and the House Legislative Audit. Apart from normal business, there have been numerous meetings concerning the upcoming SC Aerospace Conference & Expo which will be held in October.

Airport Development

Mr. Siegfried presented the Airport Development report showing that since the last Commission Meeting the SCAC ramp rehabilitation had been completed, and during this time, there have been construction meetings at Anderson Regional, Spartanburg Downtown, and Jim Hamilton/L.B. Owens airports. In addition, to the continuous safety programs that take place during the year, the UAV program continues to perform vital services to the states airports with surveys the resultant information that is provided.

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District Reports

Commissioner Francis – Reported that he is continuing to visit airports and meet individually with the airport managers in his district.

Commissioner Coward – Commended the South Carolina Aviation Association on the Aviation Week event held at the Aiken Regional Airport.

Commissioner Cooper – Reported that since the last Commission Meeting he has met and received updates on projects in Anderson Co., Greenwood Co., Laurens Co., McCormick Co., and Oconee Co. He also welcomed Mr. Jennings and Mr. Stephens from the McCormick Co. Council to the meeting.

Commissioner Simpson – Reported on the progress of the Spartanburg runway project, and the Spartanburg VOR.

Commissioner Barnes – Thanked the South Carolina Aviation Association for great events during Aviation Week at Lancaster, Rock Hill, and Fairfield, and stated that all were a huge success.

Commissioner Cavazzoni – Has begun to tour the airports in the district.

Commissioner Bethea – Reported that the event at MYR during Aviation Week was a success and thanked all who participated.

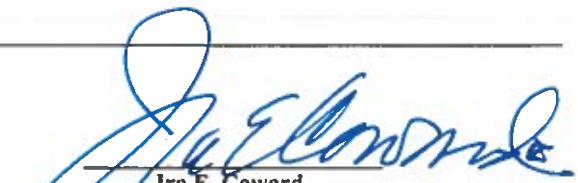
New/Other Business

Mr. Stephens announced that a partnership between the Federal Aviation Administration's Columbia Flight Standards District Office, the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, and The South Carolina Aviation Association has taken place for the development and maintenance of programs and procedures to promote aviation safety in South Carolina. The Memorandum of Agreement with these partners was signed during the meeting and a formal letter will be sent to all the airports encouraging the participation of safer aviation practices within the state.

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


Ira E. Coward
Commission Vice-Chairman


Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Secretary

10/10/2018 Date

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