

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
South Carolina Aerospace Conference & Expo
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
1101 Lincoln Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
October 10, 2018

Commission Members in Attendance

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
Melody Mikell, Finance Director

Absent Commission Members

Delphin Gantt, Jr., Chairman

Visitors

Stephen Saucier, Carolina's Aviation Museum
Alan Woods, Champion Aerospace

Welcome & Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Coward called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance, and gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Coward 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 September 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 \$297,518.31 from aircraft fuel sales, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund FY18-19 fuel sales tax revenue to \$757,392.37. This amount along with the \$500,000 general fund recurring appropriation and a refund of prior year expense/insurance claims of \$10,119.25 brought the year to date total for the State Aviation Fund revenue to \$6,117,056.18. These revenues brought the available cash balance for the year to \$7,384,567.80, and after considering remaining budget line items and prior expenditures, left \$732,671.26 available for grants and projects for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report which outlined the events that have taken place since the last Commission Meeting. During this time, the administration staff has been working on the completion of the 2019/2020 budget request, and the House Legislative Oversight Audit. Apart from normal business, meetings were held with Aiken to discuss lease negotiations. The Director attended the Anderson terminal ground breaking, and assisted the Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) management staff with a recruitment opportunity for a new aviation business at CAE.

Airport Development

Mr. Siegfried presented the Airport Development report to the Commission with the multitude of maintenance projects that were taking place at a number of the airports. He reported that the SCAC ramp rehabilitation project has been completed and is closed, and that the UAV program had performed surveys at the Lancaster County Airport, Darlington County Jetport, and the McCormick County Airport.

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District Reports

Commissioner Francis – No report.

Commissioner Coward – Thanked Director Stephens for attending the meeting with Aiken County on the FBO lease and the future development of the Aiken Regional Airport. Commissioner Coward expressed that he has received numerous great comments on the new RWY at the Lexington at Pelion airport.

Commissioner Cooper – Attended and gave a speech at the ribbon cutting for the Anderson Terminal building, and is working with McCormick County on the ongoing improvements at the McCormick County Airport.

Commissioner Simpson – Announced that at the time of the meeting the new Spartanburg RWY was approximately two weeks from being completed, and GSP has a new fuel farm, and is in the process of constructing new hangars.

Commissioner Barnes – No report.

Commissioner Cavazzoni – No report.

Commissioner Bethea – Praised Commissioner Cooper for giving a great speech at the Anderson Terminal ribbon cutting. Talked about how hurricane Florence affected the airports within his district and was grateful that extreme damages did not occur.

New/Other Business

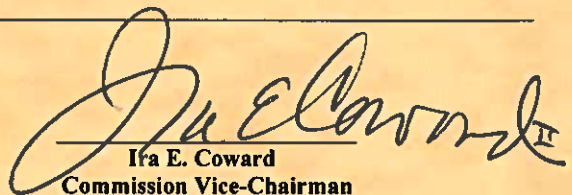
Stephen Saucier, Director of the Carolina's Aviation Museum introduced himself and the many programs that the museum offers to students and the public. The educational programs are designed to bring students from both South Carolina and North Carolina to the museum and to promote the STEM education in the schools across both states. Saucier also reported that the museum is in the process of moving to a new location on the Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

Adjournment

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


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Secretary


Ira E. Coward
Commission Vice-Chairman

11/8/2019 Date

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