

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**2553 Airport Blvd**  
**West Columbia, South Carolina 29170**  
**May 2, 2019**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. 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  
Chris Bethea, District 7

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

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

**Visitors**

Ken Holt, Holt Consulting  
Dale Nale, The Citadel  
Paul Moses, Lancaster County Airport  
Charles Taylor, Dillon County Airport

Dan Stoddard, Prime Engineering  
Katie Koon, South Carolina Aviation Association  
David Anderson, AvnSolutions, LLC

**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Chairman Gantt* called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance, and *Commissioner Barnes* gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the February 27, 2019 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 financials as of March 30, 2019. Mr. Stephens reported that the State Aviation Fund received an additional \$502,892.96 from aircraft fuel sales, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund FY18-19 fuel sales tax revenue to \$2,156,479.40. This amount along with the \$500,000 general fund recurring appropriation, the airline property tax of \$2,211,900.68 and a refund of prior year expense/insurance claims of \$41,984.76 brought the year to date total for the State Aviation Fund revenue to \$4,910,364.84.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report which outlined the events that have taken place since the last Commission Meeting. During the past month, Mr. Stephens has continued to participate in planning sessions for the 2020 NASAO Conference which will be held in Greenville, South Carolina. In addition, there have been meeting with JViaition on the new database that will be an overhaul for the current SCAC database which provides information to different aviation entities. Mr. Stephens continues to provide testimony and responses to the Senate Oversight Committee.

**Airport Development**

Mr. Siegfried presented the Airport Development report to the Commission. During the past several months airport development has been participating in maintenance solicitations with NADIN monitoring, herbicide control, and electrical services. The UAV department met with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division to discuss regulations and possible partnership during emergencies.

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**Grants for Consideration**

1. Hampton County Airport (3J0)                      **Requested Amount: \$53,458**  
The Hampton County Airport has taken bids to cut trees at each end of Runway and have submitted a State/Local grant application for this project.
  
2. Newberry County Airport (EOE)                      **Requested Amount: \$6,951**  
Newberry County has an ongoing project to reconstruct their terminal building. Construction is underway and being funded with FAA, County and State dollars (90% FAA, 5% Local, 5%). The County prepared a grant application to request State assistance for the design phase in 2017, but never turned it in. They recently found the grant application and have submitted it SCAC for consideration. The design phase also received FAA funding and is eligible for State assistance at 5%. I recommend that we amend the existing construction grant to assist Newberry County with design of the terminal building.
  
3. McCormick County (S19)                                      **Requested Amount: \$1,800**  
McCormick County is anticipating a new client at the airport and would like to install security cameras.

The total amount of project to be considered is \$62,209. *Commissioner Cooper* made the motion to approve as presented, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and all approved as presented.

**District Reports**

*Commissioner Francis* – Has continued to make visits to airports through his district and will be participating in a career day with the Beaufort Aviation Association.

*Commissioner Coward* Reported that Aiken had a very successful 2019 Masters Week at the airport.

*Commissioner Cooper* – Continues to visit the airport in District 3. Reported on the progress of the new Anderson and Newberry terminal buildings, the new hangars going up at the Pickens Airport, and other maintenance projects at Oconee, McCormick and Edgefield.

*Commissioner Simpson* – The Spartanburg Downtown Airport is completing construction projects and the GSP ramp project is underway.

*Commissioner Barnes* – Has attended the Low Country Aviation Association Day at the Charleston Executive Airport and the Rockhill Hall of Fame Banquet.

*Commissioner Bethea* – Reported that the Dillon County Airport is in the process of submitting budget request for a new terminal building and additional maintenance projects.

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**New/Other Business**

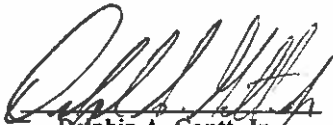
Katie Koon (Executive Director) with the South Carolina Aviation Association talked about the upcoming events for the 2019 Aviation Week. Within the next several weeks the planning committee will be meeting to discuss how to encourage airports to become involved and spotlight their airports.

Dale Nale of The Citadel presented a presentation of an engineering study of the South Carolina airport infrastructures in which the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission will be partnering with The Citadel on. The will be the first ASCE Aviation report card completed for the state of South Carolina.

**Adjournment**

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

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Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman

  
Ericka D. Thomas  
Commission Secretary

June 27, 2019 Date

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