

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
2553 Airport Blvd
West Columbia, South Carolina 29170
August 15, 2019

Commission Members in Attendance

David Anderson, District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Darwin Simpson, District 4
Doug Barnes, District 5
Marco Cavazzoni, District 6
Chris Bethea, District 7

Visitors

Bud Coward, Commissioner of Emeritus
Katie Koon, South Carolina Aviation Association
Charles Taylor, Dillion County
Lori Wicker, Celebrate Freedom Foundation
Tony Clyburn, Celebrate Freedom Foundation
Dave Capps, Celebrate Freedom Foundation

Welcome & Call to Order

Due to the absence of Chairman Gantt, Commissioner Bethea called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. At this time Commissioner Simpson made the motion to appoint a Vice-Chairman and Secretary for the Commission, Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion and all approved. Commissioner Simpson made the motion that Commissioner Barnes be appointed Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Betha seconded, all approved. Commissioner Bethea made the motion that Commissioner Cooper be appointed Secretary, Commissioner Barnes seconded, all approved.

At this time Vice-Chairman Barnes welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance, and Commissioner Cooper gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Barnes presented the minutes of the June 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

Director Stephens presented the year end financials of the Operating and State Aviation Fund as of June 30, 2019. He also reported that the State Aviation Fund fuel sales tax revenue total for the previous fiscal year ended at \$2,947,768.08 and is the highest year of aviation fuel sales taxes on record. This amount along with the \$500,000 general fund recurring appropriation, the airline property tax of \$2,211,732.35 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 \$11,818,541.37. Director Stephens also presented the Operating balances of the prior fiscal year and noted that expenses were below income resulting in a \$209,027.69 carry forward into the current fiscal year.

Director Stephens then presented the FY19-20 Operating and State Aviation Fund financials as of July 31, 2019 and stated that the Operational numbers were limited due to only having one month available to report. The State Aviation Fund was reported to have a beginning balance of \$6,876,093.19. This balance along with July fuel sales tax revenues of \$221,248.15, a general recurring appropriation of \$500,000, and a refund to prior year expense & insurance claims and miscellaneous revenue of \$85,609.87 brought total revenue to \$7,682,952.21. After considering committed/budget items of \$5,403,909.31, the amount remaining for grant consideration was \$2,279,042.90.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report which outlined the events that have taken place since the last Commission Meeting and stated that he had been in discussions with residents at the Whiteplains Airport on potential changes which would classify the airport to public use. In addition, Director Stephens reported his attendance at meetings with the Williamsburg County School Superintendent on grant expectations and that he had

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met with the Boy Scouts of American in Greenville on developing educational programs structured to partner with Greenville Technical College.

Airport Development

Director Stephens presented the Airport Development report to the Commission. The Airport Development group has been in the process of preparing maintenance solicitations for the Pavement Sealer Contract renewal and for the AWOS maintenance contract. The online CIP program (CAIRS 2.0) is nearing completion with training to begin in mid-September with an official roll out in October.

District Reports

Commissioner Anderson – Reported that the Barnwell Airport hangars have been completed and are currently full. He will continue to visit the airports in District 2 and attend aviation events in the district.

Commissioner Cooper – Reported that the Anderson County Airport's new terminal building construction is nearing completion, and the McCormick County Airport is in the process of identifying potential property that joins the airport that could be acquired.

Commissioner Simpson – Reported that GSP is currently building additional hangars, and the Spartanburg Downtown Airport is completing the runway project and are in the process of clearing additional obstructions.

Commissioner Barnes – Reported that he has attended an event in Columbia, SC where he was able to promote the Aeronautics Commission work.

Commissioner Cavazzoni – Reported his plan to attend the Aviation Week event at the Lowcountry Regional Airport.


Commissioner Bethea – Thanked Director Stephens for reaching out to the Department of Revenue and discussing the procedures on acquiring the Aviation Fuel Tax and Airline Tax. He then introduced Charles Taylor from Dillon County and explained the potential funding for the airport in the FY2019-2020 budget.

New/Other Business


Ms. Lorie Wicker of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation presented the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission a print by Eddie Sutton in appreciation of the partnerships that support aviation education throughout the state of South Carolina. Ms. Wicker then presented the Commission with updates on the location of school events that have taken place and will be taking place in the remainder of 2019.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Barnes moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Bethea seconded, and all approved.



Doug Barnes
Commission Vice-Chairman



Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Secretary

10/17/2019

Date