

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Beach Aviation Services
1250 Airdrome Avenue
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29557
October 17, 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

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

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

Visitors

Bud Coward, Commissioner of Emeritus
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting
Charles Taylor, Dillion County
Tony Clyburn, Dillion County Administrator
Ryan Betcher, Beach Aviation Services
Tim Jackson, Beach Aviation Services

Absent Commission Members

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman
District 1, Vacant

Welcome & Call to Order

Vice -Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance, and *Commissioner Simpson* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Barnes presented the minutes of the August 15, 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 Operating and State Aviation Fund financials as of September 30, 2019 and reported that the State Aviation Fund's beginning balance of FY19-20 was \$6,876,093.19 and had received \$683,606.55 to date from aircraft fuel sales taxes. This amount along with the \$500,000 general fund recurring appropriation, a refund of prior year expense/insurance claims of \$94,786.29, and \$1,000,000 allocated for projects brought the year to date total for the State Aviation Fund revenue to \$9,154,486.03. Stephens also reported that after all Commitments were considered, \$3,652,976.83 remained available for new grants.

Stephens also gave the Executive Director's Report which outlined the events that have taken place since the last Commission Meeting. A summary of these items includes the finalization of the House Legislative Oversight Audit, the supplemental appropriations that was included in the budget, the meeting with Dillon County on the anticipated appropriation to be received, and a meeting with the Governor's office on the budget request for FY20-21.

Director Stephens then presented the Commission a proposed grant for the Celebrate Freedom Foundation (CFF) which was split into two parts. Part one included ten school visits in the amount of \$22,500 while part two included the remodeling of class rooms at the CFF building in the amount of \$35,000. *Commissioner Cavazzoni* made a motion to approve the funding of \$22,500 for the first part, and *Commissioner Cooper* seconded, and after discussion, all approved. The Commission requested the CFF to provide additional information before approving the second part of the request.

Airport Development

Mr. Siegfried presented the Airport Development report to the Commission including the rollout of CAIRS 2.0. The Airport Development group debuted the new CIP program to airports and consultants and sent invitations to airports sponsors to set up all their login information. Mr. Siegfried reported that he had assisted Mr. Dan Nale of The Citadel on collecting information for the ASCE Aviation Infrastructure Report Card and had been given the opportunity to review the data prior to its submission to the ASCE.

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Mr. Siegfried presented the Commission with information on the grants being submitted for Commission approval. **Commissioner Cooper** made a **Motion** to approve the funding for the airport projects, and State/Local projects as presented and based on the availability of state funds and **Commissioner Cavazzoni** seconded, and after discussion, all were approved as listed below.

FY 2020 Grant Requests

Project Rank	Name	Project Description	Dist	State Funds
1	Hilton Head Island	Conduct EA for : (1) Prop Terminal Bldg Expansion; (2) Prop Terminal Apron Expansion; (3) Prop Automobile Parking Expansion; (4) Strengthen Rwy 03-21	1	\$14,497
2	Oconee County Regional	RAZ Obstruction Mitigation - Drainage Improvements, Road Relocation and West Apron Expansion (Construction)	3	\$124,139
3	Florence Regional Airport	Rehab Taxiway A Lighting - Phase 2	7	\$108,333
4	Charleston Executive	Rehabilitate Airfield Lighting	1	\$419,261
5	Greenville Downtown	Twy B System Pavement Rehabilitation (Construction)	4	\$167,777
6	Jim Hamilton Airport	Access Roads, Airfield Retaining Wall, Taxiway A-5 Section Rehab, Fencing, Airfield Drainage Structure Rehabilitation, Culvert and Compass Rose (Construction)	6	\$30,556
7	Grand Strand Airport	Rehabilitate Twy A; Airfield Drainage Improvements	7	\$228,148
8	Greenville Downtown	Upgrade Rwy Lighting System to LED Fixtures (Non-AIP)	4	\$17,514
9	Greenville Downtown	Update Airport Layout Plan	4	\$18,461
10	Georgetown County	Acquire Easement for Runway 5/23 Approaches (8 Parcels)	7	\$9,641
11	Ridgeland - Claude Dean	Construct Phase 3B (B1, B2, B3, C), Construct New Terminal Apron, Taxilane, Access Road, Parking Lot and Utility Corridor for New Terminal Bldg	6	\$194,584
12	Anderson Regional Airport	Acquire ARFF Vehicle; Update Master Plan	3	\$37,358
13	York County/Rock Hill	Improve Airport Drainage (Design/Bid)	5	\$5,130
14	Greenwood County	Twy's A & B Pvm Rehabilitation (Construction - PCC)	3	\$119,465
15	Barnwell Regional	Apron Rehabilitation (Design)	2	\$6,767
16	Aiken Regional	Demolish Exist. Hangars & Replace with Apron Pvm	2	\$394,965
17	Summerville	Avigation Easements Rwy 6 App (Two Parcels); Apron Rehab (Design)	1	\$12,769
18	Sumter	Apron Reconstruction Ph 2 (Design)	5	\$12,537
19	Fairfield County Airport	Rejuvenate and Restripe Airfield Pavement	5	\$16,800
20	Laurens County	Airfield Lighting Rehab (Design and Bidding)	3	\$6,900
21	Orangeburg Municipal	Main Apron Expansion (Design/Bid)	6	\$8,500
22	Darlington County	Rehabilitate Runway 5-23	7	\$231,458
23	Marlboro County Jetport	Apron Pavement Rehabilitation (Construction) AIP and Non-AIP	7	\$51,074
24	Saluda County	Apron and Taxiway Reconstruction (Design/Bid)	3	\$6,338
25	Chester-Catawba Regional Airport	Runway Rejuvenation	5	\$13,750
26	Union County	Rwy 23 Approach Land Acquisition Reimbursement (6 Acres)	5	\$16,173
27	Lexington County Airport	North Apron Reconstruction (Construction)	2	\$43,621
28	Hartsville Regional	Terminal (Design); Access Road (Design)	7	\$8,328
29	Allendale County	Improve Airport Drainage (Design)	6	\$12,257
30	Greenville Downtown	Parking Lot Improvements	4	\$572,665
31	Low Country Regional	Airfield Drainage Improvements (Ph 3)	6	\$189,880
32	Pageland	Acquire Land (Parcel 046 000 000 315) 1.4 AC	7	\$9,000
33	Santee Cooper Regional	Perimeter Fence and Windsock (Construction)	6	\$18,671
Subtotal (SCAC Eligible) =				\$3,127,316

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Upon approval of the new projects, **Commissioner Bethea** made a motion to amend the Aviation Infrastructure Revitalization grant and aid program for the airports that qualify. He went on with his motion to include terminal buildings to the eligible project list which includes capital and maintenance investing at an 80/20% split (state/local). His was seconded by **Commissioner Cooper**, and after some discussion the motion was approved as presented. The eligible airports included are those that qualifying airports must follow the criteria as discussed and agreed upon by the Commission at the June 2019 meeting.

District Reports

Commissioner Anderson – Reported that he had attended the Rock Hill – York County Airport open house and was extremely complimentary of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation exhibit and the personnel attending. He was also asked to participate in a radio interview on his role as a South Carolina Aeronautics Commissioner. In addition, he reported that he had been traveling around to the district airports with Commissioner Emeritus, Bud Coward, meeting the people who are involved with the respective airports. While traveling he noted that he had been to the Aiken and Barnwell Airport Commission meetings.

Commissioner Cooper – Reported on the new Anderson Terminal building and the its construction, the McCormick County Airport's tree clearing progress, and he reported that the Oconee County Airport (CEU) is having to relocate aircraft during Clemson football game days due to limited ramp space. He also stated the CEU would be relocating the access road soon. He encouraged everyone to attend the opening of the Newberry County Airport terminal building on October 25, 2019, and he expressed his concern of a UAS found on taxiway at the Pickens County Airport. He then stated that the airport manager, Carlos Salinas, was working with the FAA to identify the owner of the UAS.

Commissioner Simpson – Reported that GSP is completing the building of hangars and has moved the fuel farm, that Spartanburg's PAPI's are being installed, and that Donaldson Center was moving forward with the F16 project.

Commissioner Barnes – Reported that the Lancaster Airport has restriped the runway and that he was able to meet the Fairfield County Airport manager.

Commissioner Cavazzoni – Reported that Hampton County Airport had lost a life-flight tenant and that he had attended the FAA's 135 Aircraft Owners meeting that was held in Charleston.

Commissioner Bethea – Recognized Tim Jackson and Ryan Betcher of Beach Aviation Services and thanked them for providing the Commission Meeting space. He reported that the hangar construction at MYR should be completed in December 2019, and that during Aviation Week, he was able to fly to Georgetown to participate in their activities.

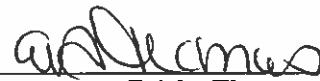
Adjournment

There being no further business, **Commissioner Cooper** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Anderson** seconded, and all approved.



Doug Barnes

Commission Vice-Chairman



Ericka Thomas
Commission Secretary

January 23, 2020
Date