

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
2553 Airport Blvd
West Columbia, South Carolina 29170
August 20, 2020

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman
David Anderson, District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Lara Kaufmann, District 4
Doug Barnes, District 5
Marco Cavazzoni, District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary
Melody Mikell, Finance Director
David Smith, Airport Planner
Tim Truemper, Chief Pilot

Absent Commission Members

District 1, Vacant
District 7, Vacant

Visitors

Bud Coward, Commissioner Emeritus
Chris Bethea
Brenna Hancock, Hampton County
Katie Koon, SCAA
Melanie Friscoe, SCAA
Greg Jones, SCAA

Representative David R. Hiott
John Hodge, Attorney
Wayne Corley, MaesAwyr, LLC
Amanda Hill, MaesAwyr, LLC
Olha Karikh, MaesAwyr, LLC
James Taylor, Georgetown County

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 Cooper gave the invocation. Due to COVID 19 restrictions there was a limited amount of people attending, and public access was available via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the June 18, 2020 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 year end financials of the Operating and State Aviation Fund as of June 30, 2020. Then, Mr. Stephens FY20-21 Operating and State Aviation Fund financials as of July 31, 2020. 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 \$9,509,305.15. This balance along with July fuel sales tax revenues of \$224,525.75, a general fund recurring appropriation of \$500,000, and a refund of prior year expense & insurance claims of \$22,761.95 brought total revenue to \$10,256,592.85. After considering budgeted/committed items of \$7,251,013.83, \$3,005,579.02 is available for new grants in the current fiscal year.

Mr. Stephens gave the Executive Director's Report which outlined the events that have taken place since the last Commission meeting. These events included participation in meetings with numerous airports around the state, as well as the SC Aviation Association, the SC Council on Competitiveness, and Horry Georgetown Technical College. The airport meetings included the Charleston County Aviation Authority, Anderson County, and the Town of Pageland. In addition, Mr. Stephens reported that all employee performance reviews had been completed, and that he and other staff have continued to meet with the NASAO staff for the planning of the 2020 Virtual NASAO conference.

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Airport Development

Due to the absence of Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Stephens presented the Airport Development report and the Grants for Consideration to the Commission. Airport Development has resumed with airport safety inspections, and pavement projects have been taking place at the Chester-Catawba, Fairfield, and Beaufort County airports. In addition, Mr. Siegfried has been reviewing the layout plans for the Low Country and Allendale County airports.

Grants for Consideration

Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport – Runway 23 Extension and RSA Improvements

The Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport is nearing the end of a multi-phase project to extend Runway 23. The final cost for this project was 8.47% higher than was included in the original budget. Additional work included:

- The US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) requirements made it necessary to complete additional inspections/reporting associated with wetlands mitigation of the Greenville Branch Site.
- Asphalt quantities were overrun on the runway extension
- Runway 5/23 NAVAIDS (PAPI and Glideslope relocation) and associated construction administration were added to the project.

All these items were added to the original scope and funded with an FAA amendment to the original AIP grant in the amount of \$948,015. The Airport is requesting that SCAC Grant 17-019 be amended to provide State match for the additional FAA funds. ***Amount of grant amendment requested is \$52,668***

Hampton County Airport (3J0) – Design Airport Fencing

Hampton County Airport is requesting assistance to design an airport perimeter fence on the south and north side of the airport. Airport perimeter fence is a valuable security and safety enhancement and is recommended at all airports. The total project cost is \$30,000 and would be funded at 80% State / 20% Local ***Amount requested is \$24,000***

Hampton County Airport (3J0) – Airport Master Plan

Hampton County Airport is requesting assistance to perform an airport master plan. The last Master Plan performed at Hampton County was 1999. The airport will be constructing a new parallel taxiway, hangar sites, automobile parking and perimeter fence. With this new development and also considering the age of the latest Master Plan, a new Plan is warranted. The total project cost is \$50,000 and would be funded at 80% State / 20% Local. ***Amount requested is \$40,000***

Total amount of all grants requested is \$116,668

Mr. Siegfried presented the Commission with information on the grants for Commission approval. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the above decisions for the airport projects, and Commissioner Cavazzoni seconded, and after discussion, all were approved.

Flight Department Report

Tim Truemper reported that flights are beginning to be scheduled and calls are starting to come in for information. He went on to report that he had created cleaning/disinfecting procedures that had been emailed out to agencies that normally utilize the aircrafts for travel. Has attended an insurance webinar discussing possible increases in the upcoming year.

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District Reports

Commissioner Anderson – Reported that the Barnwell Regional Airport project is moving forward and the area behind the hangars is being addressed.

Commissioner Cooper – Reported that his district is doing good, and that he had visited six airports across the state for interviews which are planned to air on a local Greenville radio station.

Commissioner Kaufmann – Reported that SCTAC is installing an arresting system for Lockheed Martins F-16's. The Greenville Downtown Airport is continuing the rehabilitation of the taxiway and reported that Spartanburg Downtown Airport had a successful Aviation Week event.

Vice- Chairman Barnes – Reported that safety inspections on Union and Chester-Catawba County airports showed some deficiencies which needed to be addressed and asked if staff would be following up with them to do so.

Commissioner Cavazzoni – Reported that the Allendale County Airport is planning to install an emergency generator system to support the entire airport. The LowCountry Airport is currently making assessments on items that were destroyed by the tornado and will be coming to see what can be funded through Aeronautics. Hampton County has been discussing new runway lighting.

Upcoming Events – Next Meeting Date: October 15, 2020

Executive Session

The Aeronautics Commission met in Executive Session to discuss legal matters. No action was taken at that time.




Other Business

Upon the conclusion of the meeting two awards were given. First, Chairman Gantt presented Commissioner Bethea a model King Air 350 for his exemplary dedication to the Commission. Commissioner Bethea has served on the Commission since July 2017 and has been a driving force for District 7, with supporting needed Bills, improvements for aviation in the state, and support to general aviation.

The second award given was to John L. Hyer "Chuck", the SCAC Director of Maintenance. Mr. Greg Jones, SCAA President, presented Mr. Hyer with the Aircraft Maintenance Technician of the Year award. Mr. Hyer has been with the SCAC for over six years maintaining the SCAC's and DNR's aircraft. Before coming to SCAC, Mr. Hyer had been employed by top aviation companies and was deployed several times by contract to work on military aircraft overseas. With over 30 years as an aircraft mechanic, Mr. Hyer is well deserving of this award from SCAA.

Adjournment

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

 _____ Doug Barnes Commission Vice-Chairman	 _____ Delphin Gantt, Jr. Commission Chairman	 _____ Ericka Thomas Commission Secretary
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October 15, 2020
Date