

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

November 15, 2022

#### Commission Members in Attendance

Anne Esposito, District 1  
David Anderson, District 2  
Skeets Cooper, District 3  
Lara Kaufmann, District 4  
Doug Barnes, Vice Chairman/District 5  
Marco Cavazzoni, District 6 (via telephone)  
Chris Bethea, District 7

#### Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Gary Siegfried, Executive Director  
Melody Mikell, Finance Director  
Austin Wagler, Associate Engineer  
Tim Truemper, Chief Pilot

#### Visitors

Bud Coward, Commissioner Emeritus  
Mike Gula, Executive Director, Columbia Metropolitan Airport  
Paul Werts, Talbert, Bright & Ellington  
Judy Elder, Talbert, Bright & Ellington  
Amanda Sheridan, McFarland Johnson  
Wayne Corley, MaesAwyer  
David Edwards, GSP  
Kevin Howell, GSP  
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting  
Melanie Friscoe, SCAA  
Hernan Pena, CCAA  
Jon Rembold, HXD/ARW  
Heather Martin, Dept. of Admin.  
Spencer Miller, Dept. of Admin

#### Video conference

Paul Moses  
Jay Talbert  
Betty Baker  
Steve Gould  
Ryan Hounshell  
Chris Birkmeyer  
Dean Felko

#### Welcome & Call to Order

Vice Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance.

Following the invocation, all attendees introduced themselves.

#### Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Barnes presented the minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Commission Bethea made a motion to approve the minutes and Commission Cooper seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

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#### **Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports**

Mr. Siegfried presented the Operating and State Aviation Fund financials as of October 31, 2022. The Operating Results are on track for the year with the total expenses at 32% for the budget for the year. Siegfried presented the financials for the State Aviation Fund, reporting a beginning balance of \$18,721,023.37. This balance along with fuel sales tax revenues of \$2,223,501.63, a general fund recurring appropriation of \$500,000, and a refund of prior year expense & miscellaneous revenue of \$40,472.08 brought total available funds for airport projects to \$22,014,569.24. After considering budgeted/committed items of \$16,553,356.58 the remaining \$5,291,182.82 is available for new grants. Fuel sales tax is looking very good and is up 40% from last year at this time. Aeronautics is already seeing some Airline Property Tax now that 100% goes to the State Aviation Fund.

Mr. Siegfried introduced from the SC Dept. of Administration's Human Resources Department which is now handling the HR needs for Aeronautics: Heather Martin and Spencer Miller spoke briefly about their roles and said they have supplying shared services since 2018 and are now up to 18 agencies that they are assisting in this regard.

Mr. Siegfried presented his Executive Director's Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to open back up the discussion about Commercial Airport Funding that was tabled at the last meeting. Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion, and it was approved to open it for discussion. This discussion was centered around the \$53 million that was received by Aeronautics for airport funding. Twenty percent (20%) of this amount was allocated by proviso to fund the development of airports in counties that do not have one now. This leaves \$42.4M to be allocated for airport development. Various options were then discussed. A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to allocate \$2.4M to the general aviation airports and \$40M to the six commercial airports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bethea and approved unanimously.

A lengthy discussion then followed on how the money for the commercial airport should be allocated. Various options were discussed by the commissioners. Representatives from the commercial airports were also allowed to voice their opinions at the meeting.

Commissioner Cavazzoni made a motion that commercial airports go back and try to come to a consensus on how to allocate the funds. There was not a second, so the motion did not go any further.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kaufmann that the commercial airports submit applications for projects they are ready to proceed with for their airports by November 30<sup>th</sup> requesting funding. The commission would then review these projects at a special meeting. These projects would be ranked based on the priority ranking system that is in place. Mr. Siegfried cautioned the Commission that this approach could result in some airports not receiving any funds from the special legislative allocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bethea.

The motion was approved with a 6 to 1 vote. Commissioner Cavazzoni opposed the motion, stating *"the allocation of large funding (\$40M) to commercial airports is tightly linked to South Carolina's overall economic development efforts – led by the SC Department of Commerce, The House and Senate. District 6 strongly recommends that prior to allocating any funds the SC Aeronautics:*

1. *Ask for an integrated and unanimous recommendation from the commercial airports on how the funds should be allocated – to be reviewed by the SC Aeronautics Commission*
2. *The Department of Commerce, and any applicable stakeholders it deems appropriate, be consulted in the prioritization process for allocation*

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*Such an approach would enable an alignment with the overall strategic interests of our State, which the SC Commission does not have immediate visibility of, to benefit job creation and prosperity for our citizens."*

#### Airport Development

Mr. Siegfried then presented the Airport Development Report. He noted that the Citadel had won the NCEES Award for their Senior Capstone Project. Mr. Siegfried and Commission Barnes attended the award presentation.

#### Grants for Consideration

##### **Georgetown Count Airport – Two requests**

1. Grant 21-008 Amendment to increase SCAC participation by \$10,800  
The Georgetown County Airport is requesting to amend grant 21-008 for construction of t-hangar taxi lanes northeast of terminal building. The grant amendment is being requested because the original grant did not include construction inspection/administration fees which are project eligible.

Georgetown County is requesting that the project total be increased by \$18,000 to cover these costs.

The total original project cost was \$207,247.00. The amended project cost will be \$225,247.00. This is a State/Local capital project funded at 60% State/40% Local

2. Terminal Apron Reconstruction (design)  
The second request is for assistance to design the reconstruction of 12,620 SY of the east half of the terminal apron. The pavement condition index for this apron is 55 which warrants reconstruction.

The total cost of the project is \$152,560 and will be funded at 90% FAA/5% State/5% Local. SCAC participation is \$7,628

A motion was made by Commissioner Bethea and seconded by Commissioner Cooper. The request was approved.

##### **Woodward Field Airport**

Airport Layout Plan Update (planning) \$15,020

The Woodward Field Airport is requesting assistance to conduct an Airport Layout Plan Update. The last time the airport layout plan was updated was 2008.

The total cost of the project is \$300,400 funded at 90% FAA/5% State/5% Local. SCAC participation is \$15,020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bethea and seconded by Commissioner Esposito. The request was approved.

##### **Lancaster County Airport**

Airport Security Camera System

The Lancaster County Airport is requesting assistance to replace the airport security system cameras and DVR which are failing.

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The total cost of the project is \$34,404 and will be funded at 60% State/40% Local. SCAC participation is \$20,642.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Kaufmann. The request was approved.

#### **Rock Hill – York County Airport – Two request**

1. Glideslope replacement (design and bidding)

The Rock Hill-York County Airport is requesting assistance to design and bid the replacement of the glideslope antenna. The equipment is obsolete and replacement parts are no longer available.

The total cost of the project is \$63,079 and will be funded at 60% State/40% Local. SCAC participation is \$37,847.

2. West Side Corporate Taxi Lane (design and bidding)

The Rock Hill-York County Airport is requesting assistance to design and bid the taxi lane for the West Side Corporate hangar area.

The total cost of the project is \$98,501 and will be funded at 90% FAA/5% State/5% Local. SCAC participation is \$4,925.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The request was approved.

#### **Summerville Airport**

Taxi lane and Apron (design and permitting)

The Summerville Airport is requesting assistance to design and prepare permit applications for a new taxi lane and apron. This project is needed to address capacity issues due to traffic growth at the airport.

The total cost of the project is \$280,000 funded at 60% State/40% Local. SCAC participation is \$168,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bethea and seconded by Commissioner Esposito. The request was approved.

#### **Orangeburg Municipal Airport**

Grant 21-021 Amendment to increase SCAC participation by \$26,854

The Orangeburg Municipal County Airport is requesting to amend grant 21-021 for construction of the main apron expansion southwest of the terminal building. The grant amendment is being requested because the final construction cost was \$44,757 higher than original budget due to final balancing quantities. The final construction cost was 8.4% over as bid price which is not unusual.

The Airport is requesting that the project total be increased by \$44,757 to cover these costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The request was approved.

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### Flight Department

Mr. Truemper gave the Flight Department report. Flights are up 35% from last year at the same time. The King Air 350 is getting a cooling system installed. He is hoping this will make flights much more comfortable during the hot summer months.

### New Business

None.

### District Reports

In the interest of time, the district reports were limited for this meeting.

Commission Cooper noted that the airports at Pickens and Oconee have been closed for construction for a couple of months. This has resulted in the Anderson Airport seeing a large jump in activity and jet fuel sales.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Kaufmann to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. This was seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

The Commission returned from executive session.

### Next Meeting Date

The next regular Commission Meeting will be held on January 17, 2023.

### Adjournment

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

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**Doug Barnes**  
Commission vice-Chairman

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**Gary Slegfried**  
Interim Executive Director

01/17/2023

Date