



MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

Commission Members in Attendance

Doug Barnes, Vice Chairman/District 5
Anne Esposito, District 1
Denise Bryan, C.M., District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Terry Connorton, District 4
Chris Bethea, District 7
Jim Hamilton, Commissioner Emeritus
Bud Coward, Commissioner Emeritus

Visitors

James D. Stephens, Greenville Downtown Airport
Charles Taylor, Marion County
James Cline, FAA-SCFSDO
Wayne Corley, MaesAwyr
Brandon Chris, Barnwell Regional Airport
Judy Elder, Talbert, Bright & Ellington
Gary Pendleton, FAA
David Anderson, USC
Ryan Hounshell, Holt Consulting
Judi Olmstead, Myrtle Beach/MYR
Barry Avent, Marlboro County

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Gary Siegfried, Executive Director
Kimmy Harris, Office Manager
Dale Estrada, Finance Director
Melody Mikell, Finance Director
Christopher Eversmann, Airport Development Director
Rekik Maselli, Airport Engineer, EIT (*)
David Smith, Project Manager
John Hodge, Legal Counsel

Louis Kantor, David Griffin Aviation Foundation
Eric J. Douglass, Legislative Audit Counsel
Chris Birkmeyer, WK Dickson
Johnny E. Gatlin, Sr., Advantage Academy
Eric Townsend, Beaufort Exec./Hilton Head Airports
Paul Werts, Talbert, Bright & Ellington
Louis Kantor, David Griffin Aviation Foundation
Mike Marlowe, Master Pilot Award Recipient
Diane Marlowe
Billy Marlowe
Mallory Taylor

Remote Attendance (*)

Melanie Friscoe, SCAA
Josh Rowe, Newberry County
Joseph Barkevich, WK Dickson
Dr. Carolyn Donelan, Challenger Learning Ctr.
Mark Warner, McCormick County Airport
Ben Malone, Michael Baker
Hilton Head Representative
David Edwards

Welcome & Call to Order

Vice Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order approximately at 10:02 a.m., welcomed everyone, announced a quorum in attendance.

Invocation and Introductions

The invocation was given by Commissioner Bethea. Following the invocation, all attendees introduced themselves.

Presentations

Mr. James Cline alongside Mr. Gary Pendleton, who are both with the FAA presented a PowerPoint highlighting all of the accomplishments within the aviation industry of Mr. Billy Mike Marlowe. After which, Mr. Marlowe was presented with the Master Pilot Award and other accolades. All recipients both past and present of the Master Pilot Award in attendance assembled for a group picture.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Barnes presented the minutes of the August 20, 2024, meeting. He asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Esposito seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as written.

Vice Chairman Barnes asked Gary Siegfried if he would present the Financial Report.

Financial & Budget Reports

Mr. Siegfried started with the balances from the end of September FY25. Operating Results finished close to balanced for the year with total expenses at 24% and income at 81% of budget.

The State Aviation Fund showed a beginning balance of \$29,477,546.51 in FY24-25. This balance along with fuel sales tax revenues of \$1,434,683.03, airline property tax revenue of \$0.00, a general fund recurring appropriation of \$500,000, and a refund of prior year expense & miscellaneous revenue of \$26,162.01 brought total available funds for airport projects to \$44,979,835.86.

After considering budgeted/committed items of \$41,820,994.14 the remaining \$3,158,841.72 was available for new grants at the end of FY24-25.

Airport Development

Mr. Eversmann presented the Airport Development report by providing brief updates concerning Airport Development deadlines, upcoming airport inspections and ongoing Aeronautics projects. Prior to presenting the Grants for Consideration, Mr. Eversmann spoke about Ms. Rekik Maselli, the new Airport Engineer, EIT to Aeronautics. Mr. Eversmann explained Ms. Maselli unfortunately was not able to attend the meeting in-person due to car troubles. However, she is attending remotely. Mr. Eversmann continued by sharing Ms. Maselli is an asset to our agency with her knowledge and has jumped in with both feet. Mr. Eversmann stated how great it is to have her on-board.

Mr. Eversmann then presented the grants for consideration.

Grants for consideration (Airport Development)

District 1

1. Beaufort County (ARW) / State Development Grant (70%) / Develop Site for Hangar Construction / Construction / \$1,982,495

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$1,387,747.

ASDI items (Mar 28, 2023): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Inoperative REIL Light; Inoperative perimeter gates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 2

2. Barnwell County (BNL) / State Maintenance Grant (80%) / Replace Terminal Building HVAC / Maintenance / \$7,800

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$6,240.

ASDI items (Sep 10, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Pavement markings dirty / faded; **Recommend closure of secondary runway 5 – 23 due to poor condition** / FOD; Inoperative PAPI Light; Knocked over Taxiway edge light.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve and seconded by Commissioner Esposito.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 3

3. Greenwood County (GRD) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Rehabilitate Taxiway 'D' and Taxilanes / Design / \$262,490

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0027-026-2024

The requested grant amount is \$13,125.

ASDI items (Jun 16, 2022): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Pavement markings dirty / faded; Windcone inoperative; Multiple inoperative airfield lights; Incorrect signage (CTAF Frequency).

4. Newberry County (EOE) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Update Airport Layout Plan (ALP) / Planning / \$317,757

Associated AIP (BIL) Grant: 3-45-0066-016-2024

The requested grant amount is \$15,888.

ASDI items (Jun 6, 2023): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Various inoperative airfield lighting; Pavement cracks with weeds protruding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve all grants for District 3 and seconded by Commissioner Bethea.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 4

5. Greenville Airport Commission (GMU) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Improve Runway 19 / Construction / \$5,555,556

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0026-041-2024

The requested grant amount is \$277,778.

ASDI items (Aug 14, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Inoperative Runway edge lights; Pavement / foundation tie in.

6. Greenville Airport Commission (GMU) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Reconstruct SE Apron Pavement / Design / \$99,949

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0026-039-2024

The requested grant amount is \$4,997.

ASDI items (Aug 14, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Inoperative Runway edge lights; Pavement / foundation tie in.

7. Greenville Airport Commission (GMU) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Acquire Property / Land Acquisition / \$398,333

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0026-040-2024

The requested grant amount is \$19,917.

ASDI items (Aug 14, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations; Inoperative Runway edge lights; Pavement / foundation tie in.

8. City of Spartanburg (SPA) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Rehabilitate Taxiway 'A' / Construction / \$1,127,346 / Note: **Amendment to SCAC 24-003**

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0051-030-2023 / 3-45-0051-031-2023

The requested grant amount is \$56,367.

ASDI items (Aug 31, 2023): Pavement cracks with weeds protruding; Erosion; Pavement tie in.

9. City of Spartanburg (SPA) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Reconstruct Concrete Apron / Design / \$388,447

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0051-032-2024 / 3-45-0051-033-2024

The requested grant amount is \$19,422.

ASDI items (Aug 31, 2023): Pavement cracks with weeds protruding; Erosion; Pavement tie in.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve all grants for District 4 and seconded by Commissioner Bryan.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 5

10. Lancaster County (LKR) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Construct Terminal / Construction / \$2,910,808

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0034-027-2022 / 3-45-0034-028-2023 / 3-45-0034-029-2024

The requested grant amount is \$85,213.

ASDI items (April 2, 2024): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Erosion near multiple airfield drainage structures; Inoperative REILs; Various inoperative airfield lighting; gap beneath perimeter fence.

11. Kershaw County (CDN) / State – Local Airport Development Grant (70%) / Rehabilitate Airfield Lighting / Design / \$108,300 / Note: **Requested as a State – Local Airport Maintenance Grant (80%)**

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$86,640 / The recommended grant amount is \$75,810.

ASDI items: Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Faded / dirty pavement markings; Fading / deteriorating airfield signage panels; Pavement cracks need re-sealing; Faded / dirty segmented circle.

12. Kershaw County (CDN) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Rehabilitate Runway 6 – 24 Lighting / Design / \$141,474

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0011-033-2024

The requested grant amount is \$7,074.

ASDI items: Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Faded / dirty pavement markings; Fading / deteriorating airfield signage panels; Pavement cracks need re-sealing; Faded / dirty segmented circle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan to approve all grants for District 5 and seconded by Commissioner Esposito.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 6

13. City of Walterboro – Colleton County (RBW) / State – Local Airport Maintenance Grant (80%) / Improve Aircraft Parking Apron / Maintenance / \$122,557

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$98,046.

ASDI items (April 17, 2023): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Faded / peeling airfield pavement markings.

14. City of Walterboro – Colleton County (RBW) / State – Local Airport Development Grant (70%) / Improve Aircraft Parking Apron / Construction / \$62,486

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$43,740.

ASDI items (April 17, 2023): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Faded / peeling airfield pavement markings.

15. Allendale County (AQX) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Rehabilitate Lighting and Pavement / Design / \$237,345

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0003-024-2024

The requested grant amount is \$11,867.

ASDI items (Jul 11, 2022): Standing water on pavement / birdbaths; Inadequate area drainage; No weep holes in windsock.

16. Clarendon County (MNI) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Reconstruct Taxiway and Lighting / Construction / \$3,328,568

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0038-021-2024

The requested grant amount is \$166,428.

ASDI items (Jan 26, 2023): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan to approve all grants for District 6 and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

The motion was approved unanimously.

District 7

17. Marlboro County (BBP) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Rehabilitate Runway 7 – 25 / Design / \$222,150

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-009-026-2024 / 3-45-009-027-2024

The requested grant amount is \$11,108.

ASDI items (August 8, 2022): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Runway 7 PAPI inoperative; Vegetation growing through cracks in runway; Taxiway hold bars and center lines are faded and need to be re-marked; Ten (10) taxiway lights inoperative; Runway 7 number marking also shows runway 6 needs to be repainted; North most Runway 7 REIL obscured by vegetation; Windsock pole not plumb, creating bias indication for Runway 25; Runway 25 edge light fixture missing (North side, 1,200 ft from threshold); Runway 25 north REIL obscured by vegetation; multiple close-in obstructions; Part 77 obstructions other than approach – Multiple primary surface violations north side of Runway 25 from runway end to 1,200' down runway; Runway 25 north-most threshold light inoperative; Four Runway edge lights inoperative; Runway 25 edge light adjacent to touchdown bar inoperable north side runway; Runway edge light southside of runway near terminal inoperative; Runway 25 numbers need repainting; Runway 7 REILS inoperative; Hold bar between Taxiway 'A' and Runway faded; 3 out of 4 PAPI bulbs inoperative on Runway 25; Emergency fuel shutoff signage is missing.

18. Horry County Department of Airports (MYR) / **FY-25 Commercial Service Entitlement (100%)** / Expand Terminal Building / Design / \$110,000,000

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$250,000.

ASDI items: MYR is a Part 139 Airport and, therefore, not inspected by SCAC Staff.

19. Horry County Department of Airports (MYR) / **FY-24 Commercial Service Entitlement (100%)** / Expand Terminal Building / Design / \$110,000,000

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$240,833.

ASDI items: MYR is a Part 139 Airport and, therefore, not inspected by SCAC Staff.

20. Horry County Department of Airports (MYR) / **FY-25 Commercial Service Entitlement (100%)** / Expand Terminal Building / Design / \$110,000,000

Associated AIP Grant: NA

The requested grant amount is \$1,000,000.

ASDI items: MYR is a Part 139 Airport and, therefore, not inspected by SCAC Staff.

21. Williamsburg County (CKI) / AIP State Match Grant (5%) / Rehabilitate Runway Pavement and Lighting / Design / \$343,754

Associated AIP Grant: 3-45-0033-023-2024

The requested grant amount is \$17,188.

ASDI items (Jul 21, 2022): Part 77 Airspace penetrations identified; Various airfield lighting inoperative; Fading / deteriorating airfield signage panels; Pavement cracks need re-sealing; Faded / dirty segmented circle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bethea to approve all grants for District 7 and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Grants for consideration (Education)

1. Challenger Learning Center

This request is for funds to purchase a flight training simulator (software / site license).

The requested grant amount is \$25,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve and seconded by Commissioner Esposito.

The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Challenger Learning Center

This request is for funds to purchase a flight training simulator (hardware).

The requested grant amount is \$37,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve and seconded by Commissioner Esposito.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. David Griffin Aviation Foundation

This request is for funds to improve facilities for installation of a flight training simulator.

The requested grant amount is \$9,200.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to approve and seconded by Commissioner Bethea.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Advantage Academy

This request is for funds to support ongoing Aviation Education efforts.

The requested grant amount is \$102,609 / **The recommended grant amount is \$15,509.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bethea to approve and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Flight Department

Mr. Siegfried explained to everyone Mr. Tim Truemper was not available to present the Flight report because he is flying today. Mr. Siegfried presented the Flight report. We are starting to fly again. We are down a little bit from previous year to date. We have 15-flights scheduled or 15 flights on holds on the calendar over the next 30-days. We are starting to get busier again. Clemson is starting to get busy again with recruiting. Mr. Tim Truemper thinks we are going to be about the same as last year, which was approximately 50-hours, pushing 300-flight hours.

Mr. Siegfried explained the status of the new plane. We are flying our new plane as well as working on obtaining a new tail number for it. Mr. Siegfried discussed how complicated the process is to switch the tail numbers for an airplane. He went on to share the tail numbers will be placed on each plane. Mr. Siegfried also explained the status of selling the old planes.

Mr. Siegfried asked if there were any questions for himself or any to present to Mr. Truemper.

Hearing none, Mr. Siegfried presented the Director's Report.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Siegfried presented the Director's Report. He shared the onboarding of 2-new employees. We are happy to have them. Mr. Siegfried discussed meeting with the City of Georgetown. He met with Marion County schools and Mr. Charles Taylor about their Aerospace Program. Mr. Taylor shared Marion County schools will meet again on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. Mr. Siegfried helped Marion County schools to connect with Richland One, who has the BLAST program here in Columbia.

Mr. Siegfried shared submitting the Budget Request to the Executive Budget Office. Mr. Siegfried explained the approach this year still being project driven. He has requested information from all of the airports about projects not funded or under-funded and use this information to justify budget requests. He gave details about the plan for the budget requests this year and the use of the funds requested. Mr. Siegfried explained about being more intentional about tracking projects. We would like to know about your maintenance projects up-front. Mr. Siegfried urged each airport to ensure all of the projects for their airports are on the list. A spreadsheet will be populated and sent out to each airport to confirm their projects on the list are correct. Once confirmed, if the project is not on the list, it will not

be funded. The only projects funded, which are not on the list are emergencies. Our program has become big enough for us to be very intentional and to know what is coming.

Mr. Siegfried wanted to discuss in light of a grant request from last year. Mr. Siegfried explained the stance on revenue-generating. If the airport has a building and/or facility that is revenue generating and the maintenance is up to the airport or the airport responsibilities, Mr. Siegfried suggested we start to allow the airports to handle the maintenance projects only. Mr. Siegfried also suggested having a conversation on this topic.

Vice Chairman Barnes/ District 5 Barnes spoke about seeing the word revenue-generating going away.

Commissioner Cooper shared I am with Vice Chairman Barnes, this revenue generating conversation is like talking out of both sides of your mouth. We want our airports to be self-sufficient. But we do not want to help them do it. We need to do away with this revenue generating. As far as what happened in our last meeting, I think we should forget about it and move on.

New policy possibly to no longer exclude revenue generating producing projects. Mr. Siegfried will develop policy. The new policy will be addressed at the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Barnes asked about a motion to formally create an Education Committee to discuss and implement guidelines and policy. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to create the Educational Committee and Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

No New Business.

District Reports

- District 1: Commissioner Esposito stated our wonderful new terminal project is continuing. We are happy about it.
- District 2: Commissioner Bryan shared power was lost during Hurricane Helene. Everyone is back up and running. Thank you, David, for coming to talk about zoning in Fairfield County.
- District 3: Commissioner Cooper shared the hurricane devastation was pretty heavy. I drove through all areas yesterday. Anderson power was out for a week (No internet or phone services). Thank you for the taxiway. Greenwood power was out for a week, painted doors torn off, and roof damaged. Laurens County power was out for about a week and terminal building coming along really good. McCormick graded green project to start next spring. Power was out in Oconee County for 6-days. Pickens County power out for 3-days. Medivac stationed on the north ramp for relief efforts. Carlo said thank you for north ramp. Saluda couldn't get hangar door open. Newberry County appreciates the grant requests. Edgefield hangars totally demolished. All the doors and roofs are gone. Minimal damage to the aircrafts. Thanks for your thoughts, prayers, and help. Churches truly stepped up in my area by providing new clothes to all in need. Thank you, Gary, for reaching to help to obtain pilots to fly in the relief effort.

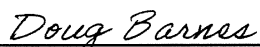
- District 4: Commissioner Connorton stated Spartanburg had no power for week and a hangar was damaged as well. Greenville-Spartanburg power was out for 48-hours and improvements are still going on. Greenville Downtown internet was just restored yesterday, and power was still out. Fuel restored in Greenville Downtown on Monday, October 14, 2024, around lunch. No backup generator. We will figure it out for the future.
- District 5: Vice Chairman Barnes shared thumbs up to Scoops at the Airport Pickens County northside restaurant.
- District 6: Commissioner Cavazzoni was not available online.
- District 7: Commissioner Bethea shared it is great to hear so many are coming to the aid of those dealing with the storm. Enjoyed meeting with Charles Taylor to get the vocational school going. Skeets worked there pretty hard. Enjoyed going over to see the school in Florence, where Mr. Gatlin is an instructor. Spoke to Jim Taylor in Georgetown, who is a little frustrated.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular Commission Meeting was set tentatively for January 21, 2025. Vice Chairman Barnes states he already has a conflict. He shared just leave it tentatively as January 21, 2025.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Cooper to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Connorton seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Doug Barnes
Vice Chairman/District 5



Kimmy Harris
Recording Secretary

February 28, 2025

Date