

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**March 18, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m. West Columbia, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Gregg A. Malphrus, Chairman, At-large  
William M. McKown, Vice-Chairman & District 1  
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA, Secretary &  
District 2  
Ira E. Coward II, District 3  
Robert E. Walker, District 4  
Barry G. Avent, District 5  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary  
Neil Baker, Chief of Aircraft Maintenance

**Via Conference Call**

Dave Edwards, Ex. Director, Greenville/Spartanburg International  
Airport

**Visitors:**

Dan Mann, Ex. Director, Columbia Metropolitan Airport    Frank Manning, General Counsel, Columbia Metropolitan Airport  
Ken Holt, Vice President, LPA Group    Terry Macalusa, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.  
Chris Eversmann, Interim Manager, Jim Hamilton/L. B. Owens Airport

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

**Chairman Malphrus** called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Vice-Chairman McKown** gave the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman Malphrus** presented the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> Commission meetings for approval. **Commissioner Coward** made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, **Commissioner Dabney** seconded, and during discussion, it was pointed out that the word "accommodations" on Page 2 should be changed to "commendations", and with the change, all approved.

**Proposed Legislation**

The Commission discussed **Proviso 89 Amendment #8**, which would transfer title of the MUSC King Air C90 to the Commission and if passed, the Commission would propose a statute next year to make the transfer permanent. **Commissioner Dabney** made a **Motion** supporting transfer of the title of the King Air C90 to the Commission, **Commissioner McKay** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Executive Director Edwards of Greenville/Spartanburg International Airport joined us via conference call and Executive Director Mann of Columbia Metropolitan Airport both presented their views on Bill #H4343 concerning air carrier incentives. The Commission agreed they are in favor of this legislation but feel some amendments need to be added and some language needs editing such as references to individuals; "secretary of the commission" and "executive director." All references should be made to the Commission as a whole. By consensus of the Commission, it was agreed that **Chairman Malphrus** would write a letter to Senators Grooms and Leatherman and to Representative White, stating the Commission's support of H4343 and mentioning those areas the Commission feels need to be edited or addressed.

**Commissioner Walker** stated that the Commission need not be concerned about H4596 that addressed moving SCAC from the Budget & Control Board.

**Aviation Maintenance Day Resolution**

Mr. Baker spoke on the Aviation Maintenance Day Resolution and presented the proposed resolution to the Commission. **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** the Commission approve the resolution as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and all approved.

**Projects for Consideration**

**Jim Hamilton-L.B. Owens Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Jim Hamilton/L. B. Owens Airport for an environmental assessment for taxiway "A" extension and engineering design services for rehabilitating taxiway "A" and the west apron area. The state portion of the project request is \$4,354 and the total project amount is \$174,152. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Orangeburg Municipal Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Orangeburg Municipal Airport for the Phase II apron expansion. The state portion of the project is \$23,977 (does not include hangars the FAA is funding on this project) and the total project amount is \$1,144,632. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update**

Mr. Werts gave a budget and financial update. He stated that due to the budgetary restraints being experienced by SCAC that the vegetation control program be eliminated for 2011. Mr. Werts stated he will not attend the NASAO Conference in Washington, DC this year. He discussed fuel tax revenues and collection issues. The Commission requested Mr. Werts contact the State Treasurer's office to request a listing of those entities reporting payment of aviation fuel taxes monthly.

*Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** a Proviso be presented requesting the Commission receive a copy of Form ST-403 (State Sales, Use, and Aviation Gasoline Tax Return), *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and after discussion, all approved. *Vice-Chairman McKown* agreed to approach a friend of aviation in the Senate about presenting this Proviso on the behalf of the Commission.

**Executive Director's Report(s)**

**Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports**

The open grants report and the flight operations report were accepted as presented.

**District Reports**

*District 1 – Vice-Chairman McKown* reported that everything is going great in his district.

*District 2 – Secretary McKay* reported on the crash at Hilton Head which killed one person jogging on the beach. He also reported on the housing development which is being built very close to the runway at Beaufort County Airport.

*District 3 – Commissioner Coward* met with Mr. Short, Airport Manager, Oconee County Airport and made a site inspection of the runway extension. He inquired on the status of the TSA Threat Surveys and Hazard Assessments for Part 139 Certified Airports, Anderson and Donaldson.

*District 4 – Commissioner Walker* stated he had attended an Upstate Management meeting at Laurens County Airport and that the Spartanburg Downtown Airport project is going well.

*District 5 – Commissioner Avent* reported everything in his district is going well. He reported that the outcome of the Cherokee County meetings held last month at the SCAA Conference was that since they are not on the NIPIAS listing, they do not qualify for federal funding.

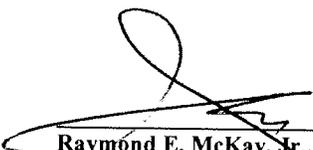
*District 6 – Commissioner Dabney* reported on a new aerospace plant moving into Marion County that will employ 300 in support of Boeing facility in Charleston.

**Meeting Schedule**

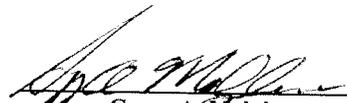
The next meeting date will be Thursday, April 22, 2010. The meeting will be held at the SCAC facility in West Columbia beginning at 10:00 a.m.

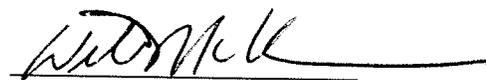
**Adjournment**

There being no further business, *Commissioner Walker* moved the meeting be adjourned, *Commissioner Avent* seconded, all approved, and the call was concluded.

  
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA  
Commission Secretary

  
Revé M. Richardson  
Commission Recording Secretary

  
Gregg A. Malphrus  
Commission Chairman

  
William M. McKown  
Commission Vice-Chairman

4/22/10  
Date

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