

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
March 24, 2011
10:00 a.m. West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Gregg A. Malphrus, Chairman, At-large
Ira E. Coward II, District 3
Barry G. Avent, District 5
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary

Commission Members Absent

William M. McKown, District 1
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA, District 2
Robert E. Walker, District 4

Visitors

Merrill Donahoo
Riley Eason, WK Dickson & Company, Inc.
Dave Lipski, Eagle Aviation

Welcome & Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Malphrus presented the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Commission meeting for approval. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and all approved.

Legislative Update

Mr. Werts gave updates on H3918 and S707 (Title 55); Senator McConnell's Chapter 6 Addendum to Title 55 that deals with billing and travel restrictions; and Representative Simrill's legislation concerning real-time posting of flights. He also gave dates of upcoming sub-committee and committee meetings on proviso and budget hearings for attendance purposes.

Projects for Consideration

Hilton Head Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Hilton Head Airport for a) Runway 21 approach airport tree obstruction removal and tree mitigation; b) design service for Runway 3/21 lighted sign relocation; c) legal fees for easement acquisition for off-airport tree obstruction removal; and d) development of a disadvantaged business enterprise plan. The state portion of the project request is \$32,718 and the total project amount is \$1,308,732. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Woodward Field-Kershaw County

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement 60/40 percent project for Woodward Field-Kershaw County for taxiway design and bid. The state portion of the project request is \$45,360 and the total project amount is \$75,600. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Dabney** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded and after discussion, all approved.

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts presented the budget and financial statements for February 2011; the Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Revenues; and the CIPS's for NPIAS airports for FY2012-2016.

Mr. Werts called on Mr. Donahoo to give his presentation on marketing for general aviation aircraft ownership. At the end of Mr. Donahoo's presentation, **Commissioner Dabney** made a **Motion** that Mr. Werts pursue a contract with Mr. Donahoo as an Aviation Ambassador throughout South Carolina to promote flight for both recreation and business for ages seventeen and older; **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

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 3 – Commissioner Coward attended the Aiken Municipal Airport Commission meeting. At the meeting, it was reported that the localizer approach was completed but the glide slope approach was not completed. The consultant has not completed the job and the city has had to hire a subcontractor to complete the job. The glide slope is scheduled to be operational in April 2012 for the Masters Tournament. **Commissioner Coward** attended the Kershaw County Airport Commission meeting with **Commissioner Avent** concerning the Woodward Field project. Mr. Werts announced that the Oconee County/Clemson Runway project would be completed on May 11, 2011.

District 5 – Commissioner Avent reported that Sumter Airport has commissioned its ILS and a dedication ceremony will be held on April 13, 2011 with city and county officials. Senator Leventis will be in attendance; as will **Commissioner Avent** and Mr. Werts.

District 6 – Commissioner Dabney reported that Hamilton/Owens Airport is on track for its new runway/GPS approach and its tree clearing. Mr. Werts stressed the need for Richland County to pay close attention to the tree clearing project so that everything goes smoothly with citizens around the airport as the tree clearing moves forward.

New/Other Business

Chairman Malphrus informed the members that he had received a letter from Governor Haley stating she was appointing a new Chairman of the Commission and the appointment would be effective after the first of April.

By way of follow up items per the February 9, 2011 meeting, it was agreed that the Commission would add the issue of aircraft property tax reform to our March 24, 2011 agenda. Accordingly, after discussion, it was agreed that the Commission would not support new legislation on this issue at this time.

Resolution

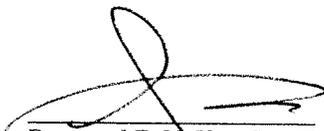
Commissioner Dabney made a **Motion** that **Chairman Malphrus** be recognized for his dedication and service to the Commission; **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and the **Motion** was approved.

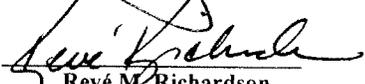
Meeting Schedule

The next meeting date will be Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at SCAC, 2553 Airport Boulevard, West Columbia, South Carolina.

Adjournment

There being no further business, **Commissioner Coward** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, all approved.


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

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