

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**June 23, 2011**  
**10:00 a.m. West Columbia, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman  
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

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

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

**Commission Member Attending by Phone**

Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

**Visitors**

Kevin Short, Oconee County Airport Manager  
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.

**Visitors (Cont'd)**

Jim Ducker, ADC Engineering

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**Welcome & Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the May 24, 2011 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Walker* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and all approved.

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Werts announced that Mr. Hodge will be leaving Haynsworth, Sinkler & Boyd at the end of June and that our contract with Mr. Hodge also ends at the end of June. *Commissioner Coward* gave an update on Title 55 and Proviso 89.93, which keeps SCAC under the State Budget & Control Board. Title 55 (H3918) should be the first item on the agenda for next year. *Commissioners Coward and Walker* stated they are encouraged by the legislature's reception of the proposed updating of Title 55, and are very optimistic for final passage next year; however, all commissioners whenever an opportunity occurs should thank legislators for all they do for Aeronautics. *Commissioner Walker* stated that Mr. West could not be thanked enough for the job he did on behalf of the Commission. *Secretary McKay* said that *Commissioners Coward, Walker and Dabney* had all done exemplary work on behalf of the Commission during this past legislative session.

**Projects for Consideration**

**Charleston Executive Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Charleston Executive Airport for Runway 4/22 and connecting taxiway concrete slab replacement, joint sealing, pavement marking, and crack sealing. The state portion of the project request is \$133,509 and the total project amount is \$680,663. 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.

**Oconee County Regional**

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement project for Oconee County Regional Airport to construct t-hangar taxi-lanes, stub taxiway, and hangar apron. The state portion of the project request is \$61,798 and the total project amount is \$102,995. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Secretary McKay* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Vice-Chairman McKown* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Marlboro County Jetport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and local maintenance project for Marlboro County Jetport to install a new rotating beacon. The state portion of the project request is \$8,081 and the total project amount is \$10,775. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Coward* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update**

Mr. Werts presented the budget and yearly financial statements as of May 2011 including Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Revenues to date. Mr. Werts stated that work has begun on the Accountability Report (the "Report") due September 15, 2011 and that he is working on a Strategic Plan which will be incorporated in the Report.

*Commissioner Coward* made a **Motion** that Mr. Werts have the Strategic Plan to the Commissioners between now and the next meeting; addressing the vacant positions including either a deputy director and/or program director whichever will best ensure continuity as we go forward, *Secretary McKay* 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. Mr. Werts presented the General Aviation Ambassador's report along with some of the response cards from attendees of the presentations that all have very positive comments. Mr. Werts presented the *Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Testing Policy* requesting consideration for adoption by the Commission.

*Vice-Chairman McKown* made a Motion the *Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Testing Policy* be adopted as written, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**District Reports**

*District 1 – Vice-Chairman McKown* stated that the recent appointment to SCAC for District I has resigned the position and that he will serve through August 2011. He was unsure when a new District I Commissioner would be appointed. He also stated that Myrtle Beach tourism is doing very well.

*District 2 – Secretary McKay* requested an update on the proposed smokestack in Allendale from Mr. Werts. Mr. Werts answered that we do not know exactly where the stack is supposed to be located but that the state cannot control airspace. At this time, the tree cutting at the Hilton Head Island Airport is to begin on Monday morning, June 27, 2011. *Secretary McKay* pointed out to the Commission where a shopping center is being built beside the Beaufort/Frogmore Airport and inquired about enforcement of land compatibility usage.

*District 3 – Commissioner Coward* informed the Commission he will be participating in a meeting concerning a dispute with an individual and the FBO at Aiken Municipal.

*District 4 – Commissioner Walker* gave the following update on Spartanburg Downtown construction: 1) tarmac bids opened on 6/22; 2) completion of tarmac should be in December 2011; 3) hangars completed August 2011; 4) terminal building completed Sept. 2011; 5) car parking lot completed mid-July 2011; 6) main water line completed; 7) tree and obstacle removal continuing on approach to Runway 23; 8) WAAS approaches being added to Runway 23 and 5; and 9) continuing work on runway safety areas and extensions. *Commissioner Walker* stated that SC TAC Lockheed did not receive the P3 contract and will be looking for a contract for larger planes in the future.

*District 5 – Commissioner Avent* stated that Cheraw is having an open house Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and will have airplanes on display. They are hoping for a good turnout.

*District 6 – Commissioner Dabney* informed the Commission that Hamilton/Owens has a showcase/high-tech security system thanks to the grant from SCAC. He invited the Commissioners to come by and see the new system.

**New/Other Business**

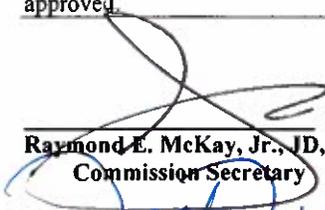
*Chairman Gantt* called for any new or other business. None was brought forward.

**Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting date will be Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at SCAC, 2553 Airport Boulevard, West Columbia, South Carolina. *Chairman Gantt* stated that he plans to stay with the meeting schedule as previously posted.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, *Vice-Chairman McKown* moved the meeting be adjourned, *Secretary McKay* seconded, all approved.

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

  
Revé M. Richardson  
Commission Recording Secretary

7/27/2011 Date

  
Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman

  
William M. McKown  
Commission Vice-Chairman

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