

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
August 25, 2011
10:00 a.m. West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman
Vacant, District 1
Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2
Ira E. Coward II, Vice-Chairman & District 3
Robert E. Walker, District 4
Barry G. Avent, District 5
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, Secretary & District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary
Hugh Tuttle, Chief Pilot

Visitors

Frank Manning, Esquire, SCANA & SCAA
Riley Eason, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.

Visitors (Cont'd)

John Hodge, Esquire

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed *Commissioner Young* to the Commission and requested *Vice-Chairman Coward* to give the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the July 27, 2011 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Avent* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as written and presented, *Vice-Chairman Coward* seconded, and all approved.

Legislative Update

Chairman Gantt inquired if there was a legislative update and none was presented.

Flight Department Service Agreement

Mr. Hodge presented his new contract to the Commission for his services, which was accepted and executed by Mr. Werts. Mr. Hodges gave a presentation to the Commission concerning increasing utilization of SCAC aircraft by allowing county and local governances and regional alliances access to state aircraft for state business and state economic development. This would be accomplished by establishing a state sponsor for certification of missions for state benefit. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Hodge would continue to further define this concept and once approved, schedule meetings with the Association of Counties and the Municipal Association to explain the concept.

Projects for Consideration

Georgetown County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Georgetown County Airport to install new LED runway and taxiway edge lights including ODAL lighting equipment on approach end of Runway 5. The state portion of the project request is \$48,679 and the total project amount is \$1,156,341. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Secretary Dabney* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Vice-Chairman Coward* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

South Carolina Aviation Association

Mr. Werts presented a State Aviation Fund grant request from the South Carolina Aviation Association for support as follows: 1) Quarterly Newsletter \$20,000; 2) Aviation Week \$8,000; 3) Airport Safety and Maintenance Program \$5,000; 4) SC Aviation Hall of Fame Video \$1,000; 5) Aviation Science Summer Camp \$43,000; and 6) Wings Program-FAA FasTEAM \$5,000 for a total of \$82,000. *Secretary Dabney* made a **Motion** the grant be approved as presented; *Vice-Chairman Coward* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts presented the Operating Results, Actual for June 30, 2011 and the Projections for 2012 along with the June 30, 2011 State Aviation Fund Grant Statements. The State Aviation Funds Maintenance, Administration and Support Services Contracts closed with a savings of \$475,000.

Mr. Werts discussed the proposed landing fees being considered by Hilton Head Airport. This is the first airport in South Carolina to begin charging landing fees so it establishes a precedent.

Secretary Dabney presented a **Motion** to add criteria to the Grant Assurances for approval of grants that if an airport has landing fees or usage fees related to use of the runway, they will be held as negative considerations for eligibility for approval; *Commissioner Walker* 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 2 – Commissioner Young, no report.

District 3 – Vice-Chairman Coward had planned a visit to Oconee County Airport but since the manager was unavailable, he will visit later. The SCAC General Aviation Ambassador, Merrill Donahoo, spoke at the Aiken Rotary Club on August 1st and gave a very good presentation and had a good reception. A letter from the FAA/ADO to Greenville/Spartanburg International for the radar antenna relocation has been received stating they are putting the funding in the budget as a priority one.

District 4 – Commissioner Walker stated that Mr. Simpson stated the terminal should be finished in 30 days. The Upstate Manager's meeting is in Anderson on Friday, August 26th and he and Mr. Werts would be attending. He also announced that the Triple Tree Fly-In is scheduled for September 7-11 and he encouraged everyone who could to attend.

District 5 – Commissioner Avent stated that everything is fine with his airports. He has a meeting scheduled next week with Dillon County to see if they could put some interest into their airport. It appears Cherokee County has pretty much quit on the idea of an airport at this time and all other projects are fine.

District 6 – Secretary Dabney stated that Hamilton/Owens opened bids to cut trees for the Runway 31 approach.

New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt again welcomed **Commissioner Young** and hoped he had enjoyed his first meeting.

Next Proposed Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2011. A decision will be made closer to meeting date as to need for the meeting.

Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Coward made a **Motion** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; **Commissioner Avent** seconded the **Motion**, and all approved.

Following the Executive Session, the Commission came back into open session and announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

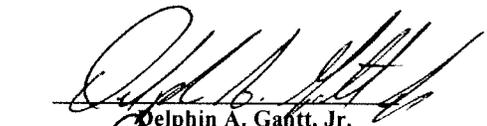
Adjournment

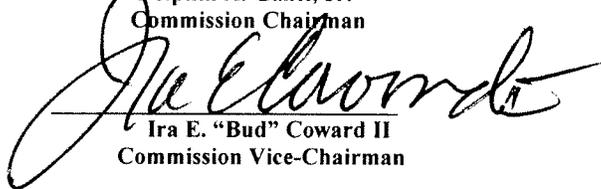
There being no further business, **Commissioner Walker** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Avent** seconded, all approved.


Dennis L. Dabney, CPA
Commission Secretary


Revé M. Richardson
Commission Recording Secretary

10/27/11 Date


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


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