

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
10:00 a.m. Solomon Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman
Vacant, District 1
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
James Stephens, Program Manager
Hugh Tuttle, Chief Pilot

Commission Member Absent

Frank W. Young, M.D., District 2

Visitors

John Hodge, Esq., John Hodge & Associates
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
Bob Minter, AOPA

Hartsell Rogers, Florence Regional Airport
Jim Hamilton
Jack West

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and requested *Secretary Dabney* give the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes of the February 8, 2012 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. *Vice-Chairman Coward* stated Title 55 has passed the House and moved to the Senate. Mr. West and *Vice-Chairman Coward* updated the Commission on the status of related issues and stated that they would be continuing to work with the legislature on passage of Title 55.

Projects for Consideration

Laurens County Airport

Mr. Werts presented two projects for the Laurens County Airport. The first is a state and federal capital improvement project for engineering design services for rehabilitating Runway 8/26, the parallel taxiway, and the apron. The state portion of this project request is \$38,327 and the total project amount is \$168,820. The second is a state and local maintenance project for engineering design services for construction of Runway 26 paved overrun in conjunction with a hangar site prep project. The state portion of this project request is \$28,968 and the total project amount is \$48,281. The total state project amount for the two combined projects is \$67,295. The SCAC staff recommends approval of these projects. *Commissioner Avent* made a Motion to approve both projects as presented; *Secretary Dabney* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Summerville Airport-Dorchester

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for the Summerville Airport to pave and light a 1,300 foot runway extension to approach end of Runway 6 including connecting the parallel taxiway. The state portion of the project is \$129,968 and the total project amount is \$5,198,702. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Secretary Dabney* made a Motion the project be approved as presented; *Commissioner Avent* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Woodward Field-Kershaw

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Woodward Field for land acquisition and aviation easement within the Runway 6/24 safety area and approach corridors. The state portion of the project is \$11,283 and the total project amount is \$451,326. The SCAC staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman Coward* made a Motion the project be approved as presented; *Secretary Dabney* seconded; and after discussion, all approved.

Financial, Budget, Executive Director's Reports & Aeronautics Update

Financial reports, Aviation Fuel Sales Report, Open Grants Report, and Flight Operations Report were accepted as presented.

Mr. Hodge reviewed the proviso rewrite with the Commission mainly leaving out highlighting SCAC throughout the document; posting when the trip is completed; and how to handle Paragraph 4 exemptions. He also discussed the new proposed Manifest presented by Mr. Tuttle and whether or not to use the new one or go back to the original.

District Reports

Chairman Gantt announced that he will be deployed for military service beginning in April but should be back for the July meeting.

District 3 – Vice-Chairman Coward – Reported that the Aiken Airport ILS is fully operational. He also reported that the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport radar antenna and tree issue has been addressed. The trees have been trimmed and since then there has been significant improvement in radar coverage.

District 4 – Commissioner Walker – no report.

District 5 – Commissioner Avent – no report.

District 6 – Secretary Dabney – Reported that Hamilton-Owens will begin cutting trees within a week, which will provide another important step in achieving a published GPS WASS approach for Runway 31.

New/Other Business

Mr. Werts' evaluation is due and **Vice-Chairman Coward** and **Secretary Dabney** were named as the Evaluation Committee. All the other Commissioners are requested to submit their evaluations of Mr. Werts to **Vice-Chairman Coward** and **Secretary Dabney** by Friday, March 16th.

Chairman Gantt asked that Mr. Werts complete the evaluations of Aeronautics staff by the end of March.

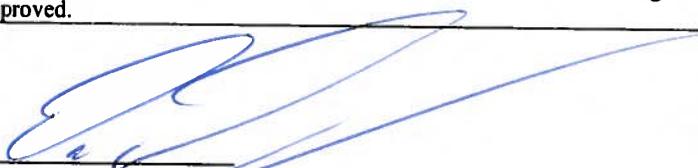
The next SCAC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2012 at the SCAC facility in West Columbia. A report will be given at this meeting on the Aviation Education Summer Camp at Aeronautics July 16-20.

The Commission approved that state plane(s) may be displayed at aviation events around the state subject to availability.

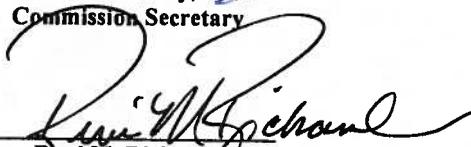
The Commission requested follow-up letters be sent to the state universities about use of the state planes along with a thank you letter to The Citadel for their response to our first letter with a scheduled flight.

Adjournment

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

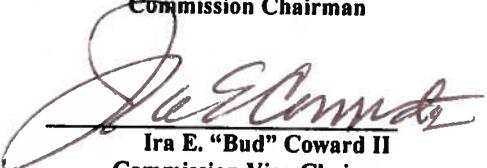


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