

**MINUTES**  
**AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**March 26, 2009**  
*Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Division of Aeronautics*  
*West Columbia, South Carolina*

**Commission Members in Attendance**

H. Neel Hipp, Jr., Chairman, At-large  
William M. McKown, District 1 & Vice Chairman  
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA,  
District 2 & Secretary  
Ira E. Coward II, District 3  
Joshua D. Houston, District 4  
Barry G. Avent, District 5  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

**Visitors in Attendance**

Chris Eversmann, Wilbur Smith Associates  
Jim Fann, Charleston Cty. Aviation Auth. (CCAA)  
Arnold Goodstein, CCAA  
Wayne Corley, Corley Engineering  
Verone Peace, Pickens County  
Vic Sarratt, Cherokee County  
Darwin Simpson, Spartanburg Downtown Airport  
Jim Hamilton, Jim Hamilton, J.B. Owens Airport  
Peter Cevallos, SC-TAC-Donaldson Field  
Mike Marlowe, Myrtle Beach International Airport  
Dennis Wiehl, The LPA Group  
John Hodge, Esq., HSB Law Firm

**DOC Staff in Attendance**

Chris Huffman, Chief Financial Officer

**DOA Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
Revé M. Richardson, Recording Secretary  
John Floyd, State Airport Planner  
Mihir P. Shah, Airport Associate Engineer  
Jamey Kempson, Engineering Associate

Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.  
Pat Waters, Mayor of Mt. Pleasant & CCAA  
Toby Ward, Eagle Aviation  
Dave Lipski, Eagle Aviation  
Carroll Triplett, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.  
Ken Holt, The LPA Group  
Ed Memmott, City of Spartanburg  
Judy Elder, Talbert & Bright, Inc.  
Jimmy Chao, Chao and Associates, Inc.  
Bailey Humphries, Cherokee County Council  
Gene Moorhead, Cherokee Chamber of Commerce

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

**Chairman Hipp** called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the invocation. The invocation was given by **Commissioner Coward**.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman Hipp** presented the minutes of the January 22, 2009, Commission meeting for approval. **Secretary McKay** made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and all approved.

**Mt. Pleasant Regional Airport Land Use Compliance**

Executive Director Werts introduced Mr. Goodstein of the Charleston County Aviation Authority to discuss the Mt. Pleasant Regional Airport land use compliance issue. Mr. Goodstein presented the copies of the Georgia Pacific Aviation Easement and stated that they have hired The LPA Group to present height and land restriction to the Town of Mt. Pleasant and County Council for adoption. Due to these factors and the favorable recommendation of DOA staff, **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** to release the previously approved grant amount for the Mt. Pleasant terminal of \$500,000, **Commissioner Coward** seconded and after discussion, all approved.

**Spartanburg Downtown Terminal Building**

Executive Director Werts introduced Mr. Simpson of the Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport to discuss the terminal building project and to request an extension on the project. As per the conditions of the Grant Agreement, the project agreement expires on March 27, 2009. After the presentation by Mr. Simpson and Mr. Memmott, **Commissioner Coward** made a **Motion** the Commission grant a six month extension with Spartanburg returning to each succeeding Commission meeting to give an update on the project; amending the amount of the award to \$500,000 to match the cap that is now in place for terminals, **Vice-Chairman McKown** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

**Financial Update**

Mr. Huffman stated the DOC budget is now \$10.4 million and is expected to be \$10 million next fiscal year. At the beginning of the year, the DOC budget was \$14 million. He discussed the possible need to move the DOA staff to

the DOC offices downtown, shut-down aircraft maintenance, and relocate the King Air 350 and flight department to Eagle Aviation.

The Commission felt a way to raise revenue would be to bring in state aircraft for maintenance at DOA such as the USC, Wildlife, and SLED aircraft, which would create a centralized state maintenance location. The Commission formed a subcommittee consisting of *Commissioner Dabney as chairman; Secretary McKay; and Commissioner Avent* to contact the various agencies, universities, and foundations in the state owning state aircraft concerning DOA handling their aircraft maintenance in the future.

### **Projects for Consideration**

#### **Beaufort County Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Beaufort County Airport for design services. 1) Runway and taxiway overlay, runway end identifier lights, rotating beacon and windsock replacement. 2) Construction services for tree obstruction removal. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. The state portion of the project is \$14,059 and the total project amount is \$562,370. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

#### **Lowcountry Regional Airport - Walterboro**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal project for the Lowcountry Regional Airport to install airport security fencing. The state portion of the project is \$3,255 and the total project amount is \$130,204. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Houston* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

#### **Newberry County Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Newberry County Airport for Runway 4 obstruction clearing to meet minimum 20.1 FAR TERPS criteria. The state portion of the project is \$4,607 and the total project amount is \$184,214. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

#### **Sumter Airport**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Sumter Airport for Runway 23 safety area improvements including an environmental assessment and wetland mitigation. The state request for this project is \$2,927 and the total project amount is \$117,095. DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

#### **Woodward Field - Camden**

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Woodward Field, Camden for Runway 24 safety area improvements including an environmental assessment and acquisition assistance. The state request for this project is \$2,927 and the total project amount is \$117,095. DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Houston* seconded, and after discussion, *Secretary McKay* voted no and all other Commissioners approved.

#### **Donaldson Field - Greenville**

Mr. Werts presented two state and local capital improvement projects for Donaldson Field, Greenville. The first for airport planning consisting of an airport layout plan update and GIS service project. The second to develop an airport business plan, consisting of minimum standards, rules and regulations, developmental guidelines, lease guidelines, tenant rates and charges, and airfield operation and procedural guidelines. The total state cost for the two projects is \$99,238 and the total amount for the two projects is \$198,476. The staff recommends approval but at a state participation amount of \$72,263 for the two projects. *Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to approve the project at the funding level recommended by the DOA staff (\$72,263), *Commissioner Coward* seconded, *Commissioner Houston* recused himself from the vote, and after discussion, the other Commissioners approved.

### **Department Head Briefings**

#### **Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports**

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

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Werts reported that four airports need Ground Communication Outlets (GCO's) installed: Marion County, Aiken Municipal, Georgetown County and Fairfield County airports. The funding for these GCO would come from the State Aviation Fund. **Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** to have GCO's installed at the four airports presented and the funding come from the State Aviation Fund, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Mr. Werts stated that South Carolina will receive approximately \$7.8 million in FAA stimulus money and will go to Myrtle Beach International Airport for a new apron, Jim Hamilton/JB Owens Airport to rehabilitate a portion of the parallel taxiway and apron area, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport for a fire/rescue truck, and to Grand Strand Airport in North Myrtle Beach for airfield lighting rehabilitation.

**Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** that the "Sale of Asset" account be used to fund any deficiencies in the Wilder Facility, the Flight Department, and Aircraft Maintenance expenses for the next two years, **Secretary McKay** seconded, and all approved.

**Secretary McKay** will prepare a letter to Secretary Taylor outlining the Commission's expectations for the mission and assets of DOA over the next two years. The letter will be prepared and mailed the week of March 30 and copied to key legislators in the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives.

State System Plan

Ms. Elder gave an update on the State System Plan.

Title 55 Review

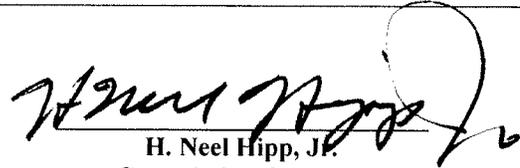
Mr. Hodge gave a summary of where we currently stand on the Title 55 update.

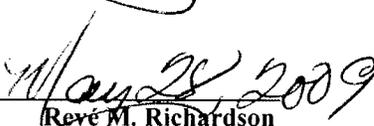
Adjournment

There being no further business, **Secretary McKay** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Houston** seconded, all approved, and the meeting was concluded.

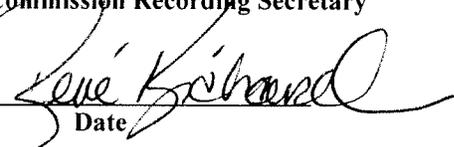
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