

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
October 28, 2010
10:00 a.m. West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

Gregg A. Malphrus, Chairman, At-large
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
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

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

Commission Member Absent

William M. McKown, Vice-Chairman &
District 1

Visitors

Jim Hamilton
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.

Visitors (Cont'd)

John Hodge, Esq., Haynsworth, Sinkler, & Boyd

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 McKay* gave the invocation. Mr. Werts introduced the guests.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Malphrus presented the minutes of the August 31, 2010 Commission meeting for approval. *Commissioner Dabney* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and all approved.

Title 55 Discussion

Mr. Hodge presented the latest draft of Title 55 to the Commission for discussion and review. The Commission discussed the requirements needed to accomplish our mission and whether the rewritten Title 55 addressed and satisfied the scope of Aeronautics' mission. The Richland/Lexington Airport Commission has submitted revisions to their section of Title 55 for incorporation. Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission has indicated that they will be submitting revisions. No revisions are expected from the Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority at this time. Mr. Hodge and Mr. Werts are meeting with the South Carolina Association of Counties following the Commission meeting to discuss Title 55.

Secretary McKay made a **Motion** to move forward with the pre-filing of Title 55 that encompasses the following: 1) Approve latest version of Title 55 notwithstanding any necessary non substantive changes necessary to hone language to meet legal standards; 2) Approve updated Tax Code Section 12-37-2460; 3) Approve proposed statute permanently removing Commission from Department of Commerce; and 4) Approve statute placing the Aeronautics Commission under the State Budget & Control Board; *Commissioner Coward* seconded and after discussion, all approved.

NBAA Flight Department & Business Partnerships

Mr. Werts and Mr. Tuttle reported on the NBAA Conference and the 75 Year Safe Flying Achievement Award presented to the Commission by the NBAA. Mr. Tuttle reported on the contacts and vendors he met and how this will help the Flight/Maintenance Department in future. A concurrent resolution by the General Assembly regarding this prestigious award is being pursued on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Werts would like to make press releases to aviation publications and news agencies and the Commission concurred.

Mr. Tuttle discussed his membership and other activities in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). CAP has nine (9) aircraft and he is pursuing a possible Memorandum of Understanding with them for maintenance on these aircraft.

Projects for Consideration

Sumter Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Sumter Airport for the construction of Runway 5/23 safety area enhancement including wetland and stream mitigation and monitoring. The state portion of the project request is \$34,916 and the total project amount is \$1,396,628. 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.

Lexington County Airport at Pelion

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Lexington County Airport at Pelion to realign a portion of parallel taxiway "A". The state portion of the project is \$13,535 and the total project amount is \$534,271. The SCAC staff has reservations concerning this project due to Lexington County having a 10.5 percent property tax rate on aircraft. *Secretary McKay* made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, *Commissioner Avent* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Florence Regional Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and federal capital improvement project for Florence Regional Airport to reconstruct and expand the commercial service terminal apron. The state portion of the project is \$90,266 and the total project amount is \$3,610,629. The SCAC staff recommends approval of the project. **Commissioner Avent** made a **Motion** to approve funding of this project as presented, **Commissioner Coward** seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Financial, Budget, & Aeronautics Update

Mr. Werts presented the budget and financial statements for September 2010.

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 1 – In Mr. McKown's absence, Mr. Werts reported on a business being located within the airspace of Summerville Airport on the old Jedburg property. It was the consensus of the Commission that Mr. Werts should write a letter to the business owner pointing out the safety problems inherent with this location in a proactive and helpful manner and copy the appropriate FAA and county officials.

District 2 – **Secretary McKay** reported that Beaufort County Council adopted a six (6) percent property tax rate on aircraft. He also reported that Delta Airlines has announced it is pulling out of Hilton Head Airport. He also stated that letters to the newspaper concerning the airport have increased to at least five (5) per day on both sides of the issue.

District 3 – **Commissioner Coward** stated the Clemson project has resumed and he had no updated report on the Aiken ILS.

District 4 – **Commissioner Walker** reported Spartanburg terminal has been gutted.

District 5 – **Commissioner Avent** reported his airports are in good shape. He and Mr. Werts will be attending the Cherokee County Airport Commission meeting next week. A decision should be made soon as to their intentions of building an airport or not.

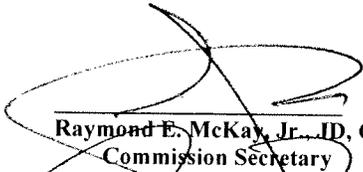
District 6 – **Commissioner Dabney** – no report.

Meeting Schedule

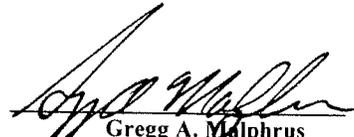
The next meeting date will be Thursday, November 18 held at the SCAC facility in West Columbia beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

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


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


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Commission Recording Secretary


Gregg A. Malphrus
Commission Chairman


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Commission Vice-Chairman

12/22/10 Date

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