

MINUTES
AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
January 24, 2008
Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Division of Aeronautics
West Columbia, South Carolina

Commission Members in Attendance

William M. McKown, District 1
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA,
District 2 & Secretary
Steven Edwards, District 3
Joseph R. Frasher, A. A. E., District 4
William L. McMillan, District 6 & Vice-Chairman

Commission Members Not in Attendance

H. Neel Hipp, Jr., Chairman, At-large
Jeremy D. Bauer, District 5

Visitors in Attendance

Chris Eversmann, Wilbur Smith Associates
Paul Jenkins, Santec
David Diehl, Santec
Wayne Corley, Corley Engineering
Mark Wilem, Wilbur Smith Associates
Verone Peace, Pickens County
Michael Norby, Kimberly-Horn and Associates

DOC Staff in Attendance

None

DOA Staff in Attendance

Michael J. O'Donnell, A. A. E., Executive Director
Paul G. Werts, Program Manager
Revé M. Richardson, Recording Secretary
Mihir P. Shah, Airport Engineer
Delphin A. Gantt, Airport Planner

Steve Walker, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
Andy Busbee, LPA Group
Judy Elder-Lincke, Talbert & Bright, Inc.
B. Michael Marlowe, Horry County Dept. of Airports
Dave Bardt, Kimberly-Horn and Associates
Josh Houston, Manager, Spartanburg Downtown
Memorial Airport

Welcome and Call to Order

Vice-Chairman McMillan 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 Frasher*. *Vice-Chairman McMillan* called on Mr. O'Donnell to introduce the guests. After the introduction of the guests, Mr. O'Donnell introduced the new DOA employees to the Commission: Mr. Mihir Shah, Airport Engineer and Mr. Delphin Gantt, State Planner.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman McMillan presented the minutes of the October 25, 2007 Commission meeting and meeting on November 2, 2007 Title 55 meeting. *Secretary McKay* made a Motion the minutes be approved as presented, *Commissioner Edwards* seconded, and all approved.

Approve Resolution

Vice-Chairman McMillan presented the Carolyn M. Pilaar Resolution for approval. *Commissioner Frasher* made a Motion to approve the resolution as presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and after discussion of Ms Pilaar's career and contributions to aviation, all approved.

Airport System Plan Presentation

Ms. Elder of Talbert & Bright, Inc. gave an informative presentation on the Airport System Plan and an overview of the planned presentation for the SC Aviation Association Conference (SCAA) in Hilton Head February 6-8, 2008.

Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport Presentation

Mr. Houston, Airport Manager of Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport gave a presentation concerning the forecasted growth for the next twenty years. To handle their projected growth in operations, based planes, and people expected to pass through the airport, Spartanburg foresees the need for a 12,000 square foot terminal, a new runway apron, and a new access road to the airport. The total project amount is

approximately \$7.577 million. Spartanburg County plans to apply to the Commission for approximately \$1 million in FAA matching funds for this project within the next couple of months.

Projects for Consideration

Oconee County Regional Airport

Mr. Werts presented a capital improvement project for Oconee County Regional Airport for design services to extend Runway 25 and the parallel taxiway by 600 feet including runway safety area improvements to meet ARC B-II standards. The state portion of the project is \$7,400 and the total project amount is \$296,017. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Frasher* made a Motion to approve the project as presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Summerville Airport

Mr. Werts presented a capital improvement project for the Summerville Airport to construct a new terminal building. The state portion of the project is \$406,000 and the total project amount is \$812,000. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Frasher* made a Motion to approve the project as presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Pickens County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a capital improvement project for Pickens County Airport for a terminal building. The state portion of the project is \$372,214 and the total project amount is \$1,287,628. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Edwards* made a Motion to approve the project as presented, *Commissioner Frasher* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Robert F. Swinnie (Andrews) Airport

Mr. Werts presented a project for Robert F. Swinnie Airport for obstruction removal on Runway 18/36. The state portion for this project is \$2,808 and the total project amount is \$112,310. This project was presented to the Commission for information purposes as the grant was issued according to grant approval criteria by the DOA Executive Director.

Financial Reports

Financial Report accepted as presented.

District Reports

Commissioner McKown showed renderings of the new GA Terminal at Myrtle Beach that will be presented to the Horry County Appearance Board on April 18th for final approval. He thanked the Commission for the AWOS at the Conway-Horry County Airport and thanked *Vice-Chairman McMillan* for his participation in the Georgetown Terminal Groundbreaking event.

Secretary McKay mentioned the Ridgeway Airport safety issues and that he will be interested to see how the airport handles this and upcoming growth issues in Jasper County. He reported that he had visited the airport in November regarding their request for a new lighting system. He said the new AWOS at Beaufort County Airport is operational. *Secretary McKay* reported he attended and participated in the Aviation Advisory and Community Relations meeting in November with Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Werts, and Mr. Murphy of the FAA to discuss noise abatement at the Hilton Head Airport.

Commissioner Edwards inquired as to the status of the Anderson Regional Airport "through-the-fence" issue. The DOA staff has not had an update from the airport manager since their last inquiry. We also do not know if they have responded to letter the FAA wrote to the Anderson Regional Airport on the matter.

Commissioner Frasher stated that the AWOS located at both Spartanburg and Donaldson airports are doing well.

Vice-Chairman McMillan postponed his report until the next meeting.

Department Head Briefings

Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports

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

Airport Development Section

Mr. Werts stated all new and upgraded AWOS are commissioned and the maintenance contracts have been awarded to RAE. The thirteen Ground Communication Outlets (GCO's) have been installed and are

operational. Georgetown County Airport has begun work on their terminal building. The Lowcountry Country Regional Airport project in Walterboro is behind schedule and Mount Pleasant does not have its zoning approved.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. O'Donnell stated he and Mr. Werts will be attending the FAA Communications Conference January 30 to February 1, 2008 in Atlanta. Mr. O'Donnell met with the TSA Director for South Carolina who inspects each airport in the state twice a year. They discussed the possibility of combining some of his inspections with our 5010 inspections. Mr. O'Donnell also discussed establishing a security plan at all GA airports in South Carolina.

New Business

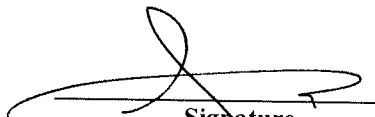
Commissioner Frasher stated that he felt the Commission should send a letter to the Mayor of Hilton Head and the Town Commissioners stating our position on the recent ordinance limiting the Hilton Head Airport runway to 4,300 feet. Mr. O'Donnell stated he is already in the process of drafting the letter for Chairman Hipp and will send the draft for review to the Commissioners.

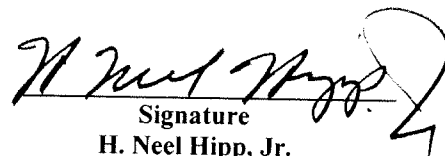
Mr. O'Donnell inquired if the Commission would be interested in presenting a Resolution to the Ray Butters family honoring Mr. Butters for his service and dedication to aviation in South Carolina and Lee County. *Commissioner Frasher* made a Motion for a Resolution to Mr. Butters from the Commission, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and all approved. Mr. O'Donnell will write the Resolution and have it for signatures at the SCAA Conference in February.

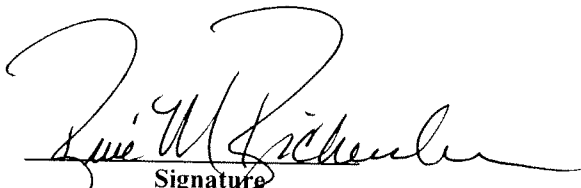
The next meeting will be on March 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Aeronautics, 2553 Airport Boulevard, West Columbia. *Vice-Chairman McMillan* reminded everyone of the importance of attending the upcoming SCAA Conference being held in Hilton Head, February 6-8, 2008.


Adjournment

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


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


Signature
H. Neel Hipp, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Signature
Revé M. Richardson
Commission Recording Secretary


Signature
William L. McMillan
Commission Vice-Chairman


Date

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