

**MINUTES**  
**AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**November 20, 2008**  
*Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Division of Aeronautics*  
*West Columbia, South Carolina*

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**Commission Members in Attendance**

H. Neel Hipp, Jr., Chairman, At-large  
William M. McKown, Vice-Chairman &  
District 1  
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA,  
Secretary & District 2  
Ira E. "Bud" Coward II, District 3  
Joshua D. Houston, District 4  
Jeremy D. Bauer, District 5

**Commission Members Absent**

District 6-Vacant

**DOC Staff in Attendance**

Chris Huffman, Chief Financial Officer  
Dave Logsdon, Chief Operating Officer

**DOA Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
Revé M. Richardson, Recording Secretary  
Daphne Brewington, CAD/GIS Operator  
John Floyd, State Airport Planner  
Delphin A. Gantt, State Airport Planner

**Visitors in Attendance**

Chris Eversmann, Wilbur Smith Associates  
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.  
Wayne Corley, Corley Engineering  
Gene Morehead, Cherokee County  
Dennis L. Dabney, CPA, PA, Richland County  
Gary Jackson, Greenville/Spartanburg Airport  
Anna Amick, Celebrate Freedom Foundation  
Bruce Cotner, Celebrate Freedom Foundation

Frank Manning, Columbia Metropolitan Airport  
and President, SC Aviation Association  
Vic Sarratt, Cherokee County  
Peter Cevallos, SC TAC, Donaldson Field  
Jody Bryson, SC TAC, Donaldson Field  
Jack Lovelady, Celebrate Freedom Foundation  
Jim Prater, Celebrate Freedom Foundation

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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 asked for the invocation. The invocation was given by *Secretary McKay*. *Chairman Hipp* called on Mr. Werts to introduce the guests.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Hipp* presented the minutes of the September 25<sup>th</sup> Aeronautics Commission (the Commission) meeting for approval. *Secretary McKay* made a **Motion** the minutes be approved as presented, *Commissioner Bauer* seconded and all **approved**.

**Resolution**

*Secretary McKay* made a **Motion** that the Commission recognizes Jim L. Hamilton for his forty-six years of service to the Columbia Owens Downtown Airport with a Resolution, and should the Richland County Council decides to name the airport in his honor, we would unanimously support such an action, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and the **Motion** was unanimously **approved**.

**Presentation – Celebrate Freedom Foundation**

President Lovelady of the Celebrate Freedom Foundation gave a presentation on the upcoming 67<sup>th</sup> Doolittle Raider Reunion planned for April 16-18, 2009 to be held in Columbia. The events of April 17 and 18 will take place in the DOA Wilder Hangar.

**Presentation – Rebranding of Donaldson Field**

Mr. Bryson of SC TAC gave a presentation on the rebranding of Donaldson Field in Greenville.

**Financial Reports**

Mr. Huffman presented a financial update on DOC and DOA. The Legislature has cut DOC approximately twelve percent and eliminated the \$500,000 State Aviation Fund received annually by DOA indefinitely.

The state revenues are down and Mr. Huffman stated that there may be additional cuts in the near future/possibly after the Legislature reconvenes after the first of the year.

### **Projects for Consideration**

#### Rock Hill/York County/Bryant Field

Mr. Werts presented as information to the Commission an FAA capital improvement project for Rock Hill/York County/Bryant Field Airport for design services for a corporate hangar taxiway, entrance road, and t-hangar taxilanes utilizing the Commission guidelines for director issuance. The state portion of the project is \$2,112 and the total project amount is \$84,499.

#### Union County Airport

Mr. Werts presented as information to the Commission an FAA capital improvement project for Union County Airport for land acquisition assistance utilizing the Commission guidelines for director issuance. The state portion of the project is \$621 and the total project amount is \$200,285.

**Vice-Chairman McKown** made a **Motion** that all state grants should have a state match of a minimum of \$2,500 before issuance, **Commissioner Coward seconded**, and after discussion, all **approved**.

#### Beaufort County Airport

Mr. Werts presented an FAA capital improvement project for Beaufort County Airport to develop an airport master plan and design services for tree obstruction removal. The state portion of the project is \$7,764 and the total project amount is \$310,550. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. **Secretary McKay** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Commissioner Bauer seconded**, and after discussion, all **approved**.

#### Florence Regional Airport

Mr. Werts presented an FAA capital improvement project for Florence Regional Airport for construction of a storm water drainage system located inside and directly outside the commercial terminal building. The state portion of the project is \$8,778 and the total project amount is \$351,135. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Coward** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Secretary McKay seconded**, and after discussion, all **approved**.

#### Williamsburg Regional Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement project for Williamsburg Regional Airport for Runway 32 safety area improvements. The project consists of constructing a concrete box culvert in an existing water drainage canal. The state portion of the project is \$27,284 and the total project amount is \$1,091,350. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. **Commissioner Coward** made a **Motion** to approve the project as presented, **Commissioner Bauer seconded**, and after discussion, all **approved**.

#### Donaldson Field

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement project for Donaldson Field for airport planning and geographic information systems (GIS) services. The state portion of the project request is \$60,250 and the total project amount is \$120,500. The DOA staff recommends approval of the project at a funding level of \$45,250 eliminating the GIS portion. It was decided that action on this project would be deferred until presentation of the next project.

#### Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and local capital improvement project for Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) to construct a new general aviation terminal building. The state portion of the project is \$812,600 and the total project amount is \$1,625,200. DOA staff recommends approval of this project based on reallocation of funds from a project that will not be able to begin for two more years and the GSP terminal is very necessary and they are ready to begin within a couple of months.

**Secretary McKay** made a **Motion** that these two projects (Donaldson Field and Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport) be tabled at present and reevaluated in March 2009, **Vice-Chairman McKown seconded**, and all **approved**.

### **District Reports**

**Vice-Chairman McKown** reported the Myrtle Beach terminal project is on schedule and that January 9<sup>th</sup> is the likely scheduled date for the Georgetown terminal event.

*Secretary McKay* said he reported at the last meeting that Delta was suspending its small jet service into Hilton Head Airport but now they have now merged with Northwestern and will be resuming the service into Hilton Head.

*Commissioner Coward* reported that he had visited Greenwood, Laurens, Pickens and Clemson/Oconee airports. The Oconee County Airport looks very good. They have come a long way!

*Commissioner Houston* reported he had a meeting with Mr. Bryson and Mr. Cevallos at SC-TAC. He met with the county manager for the Spartanburg Downtown Airport project concerning the timeline that is two years behind schedule.

*Commissioner Bauer* – no report.

**Executive Director Briefing**

Mr. Werts presented the Executive Summary of the State System Plan for review and comment by the Commissioners. He called on Mr. Gantt to give an update on the Charlotte Class B Airspace situation and its impact on the Chester Catawba Regional Airport.

**Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports**

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

*Vice-Chairman McKown* made a **Motion** to limit grants for terminal buildings to a maximum of \$500,000, *Commissioner Coward* **seconded**, and all approved.


**Executive Session**

*Commissioner Coward* made a **Motion** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, *Secretary McKay* **seconded** the **Motion**, and all approved.

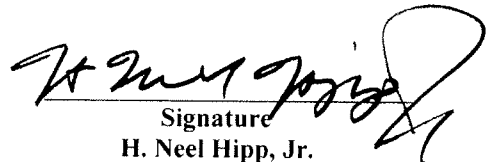
Following the Executive Session, the Commission came back into open session and announced that **no action** was taken during the Executive Session.

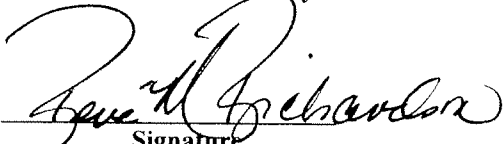
**Adjournment**


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

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

  
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H. Neel Hipp, Jr.  
Commission Chairman

  
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