

MINUTES
AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
March 27, 2008
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
Raymond E. McKay, Jr., JD, CPA,
District 2 & Secretary
Ira E. Coward II, District 3
Joseph R. Frasher, A.A.E., District 4
Jeremy D. Bauer, District 5
William L. McMillan, District 6 & Vice-Chairman

DOC Staff in Attendance

Mandy Kibler, Director of Administration

DOA Staff in Attendance

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

Visitors in Attendance

Chris Eversmann, Wilbur Smith Associates
Paul Jenkins, Santec
David Diehl, Santec
Wayne Corley, Corley Engineering
Verone Peace, Pickens County
Joe Bonner, Cherokee County
Vic Sarratt, Cherokee County

Gary Laubschur, Lancaster County
Joseph Barkevich, W. K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
Stephan A. Hanvey, President & CEO, SATSair
Frank Manning, CFO, Columbia Metro. Airport
Josh Houston, Manager, Spartanburg Downtown
Memorial Airport
Bill Pearson, Pearson Engineering

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 Bauer*. *Chairman Hipp* called on Mr. O'Donnell to introduce the guests.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hipp presented the minutes of the January 27, 2008 Commission meeting. *Vice-Chairman McMillan* made a Motion the minutes be approved as presented, *Secretary McKay* seconded, and all approved.

SATSair Presentation

Chairman Hipp introduced Stephan A. Hanvey, President and CEO of SATSair. Mr. Hanvey gave a presentation on his company, requesting South Carolina airport involvement with Florida and Georgia airports in a NEXTGeN study. We would need to make the decision within the next few weeks if we have an interest.

Airport System Plan Recap

Vice-Chairman McMillan gave a brief recap of the South Carolina Airport Advisory System Plan Committee (the Committee). He thanked the chairman and the Commission for the opportunity to chair the Committee. The last meeting of the Committee was held on February 26 as a follow-up to the South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA) annual conference in Hilton Head. The plan was presented and was well received with few negative comments and his belief that it was due to the dedication and hard work of the Committee members.

Projects for Consideration

Williamsburg County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a capital improvement project for Williamsburg County Airport for design services for runway safety area improvements for informational purposes to the Commission. The state portion of the project is \$1,764 and the total project amount is \$70,549.

Cherokee County – Proposed Airport

Mr. Werts presented a state and local project for Cherokee County for an airport concept plan and economic study. The state portion of the project is \$48,575 and the total project amount is \$97,150. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project. *Commissioner Frasher* made a Motion to approve the project as presented, *Vice-Chairman McMillan* seconded, and all approved.

Lancaster County Airport

Mr. Werts presented a project for Lancaster County Airport for an apron expansion and taxiway reconstruction. The state portion of the project is \$374,919 and the total project amount is \$624,865. The DOA staff recommends approval of this project at a reduced state portion of \$325,000 due to unresolved zoning issues. *Vice-Chairman McMillan* made a Motion to approve the project up to \$325,000 contingent upon the zoning ordinance being implemented and the private resource commitment to the project being finalized, *Commissioner Coward* seconded, and after discussion, all approved.

Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport

Mr. Werts presented a capital improvement project for Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport to construct a new terminal building. The state request for this project is \$1 million and the total project amount is \$3.5 million. DOA staff recommends approval of \$700,000 due to zoning non-compliance, excessive engineering fees for special services along with limited state aviation funds collected from fuel tax receipts. *Commissioner Frasher* made a Motion to approve the project for \$1 million, *Commissioner Bauer* seconded, and after discussion, *Secretary McKay* amended the Motion to approve the project for \$700,000 as per staff recommendation and *Commissioner McKown* seconded. After discussion, the amended Motion passed by a four to three vote. The Commission supports this project and additional funding could be possible as the project moves forward.

Financial Reports

Ms. Kibler reported that DOC will have an overall budget reduction of 2.63 percent across the board due to a revenue shortfall in the state. This will result in an \$185,000 reduction in travel expenses and \$18,000 in the Information Technology budget for DOC. She mentioned that there are only thirty days left in this Legislative session if there are any new funding issues the Commission wishes to address. Ms. Kibler reported that Secretary Taylor had approved moving forward with the rewrite of Title 55. She and Mr. O'Donnell will meet with Governor Sanford's office and then with an Aviation Consultant to review the work done to date. Following these reviews, a meeting will be arranged with Representative Walker and/or Senator Leventis.

District Reports

Commissioner McKown stated that Myrtle Beach received bids from seven consultants on the GA terminal ranging from \$4.5 to \$4.9 million, which were all higher than expected. They are going back through the process as a review; however, they have the money to move forward even at this higher cost.

Commissioner McKown also announced that Conway-Horry County Airport is looking at expanding its runway from 4,400 to 5,000 feet.

Secretary McKay announced that he and the Chairman's letter to Mayor Peebles concerning the resolution to restrict the runway length at the Hilton Head Airport and that the resulting publicity from the letter in the Island Packet had created consequences. There is a resulting ground swell for a regional airport such as the interest by the Lowcountry Regional Airport in Walterboro for consideration of the role. Also, *Secretary McKay* inquired if there was a non-adversarial way the Commission can help to inform the public about the Real ID situation before the May 11, 2008 deadline. Mr. O'Donnell said that the Columbia Metropolitan, Greenville/Spartanburg International, and Myrtle Beach International airports were taking the lead to notify the public. *Chairman Hipp* suggested that Mr. O'Donnell contact all six of the Commercial Service Airports and work with them to advise the public before the deadline on what will be necessary to board flights in South Carolina.

Commissioner Coward – no report.

Commissioner Frasher stated that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve.

Commissioner Bauer – no report.

Vice-Chairman McMillan – no report.

Department Head Briefings

Open Grants & Flight Operations Reports

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

Airport Development Section

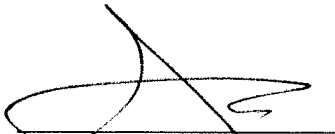
Mr. Werts announced that the FAA AIP and Entitlement funding have been reduced 25 percent across the board. Georgetown County Airport terminal is moving forward but behind schedule, Mount Pleasant Regional Airport zoning problem is ongoing, and the Dillon County Airport Layout Plan is ready for presentation to the Dillon County Administrator, Economic Development Director, and Airport Commission on April 15th. The 2008 Aeronautical Chart has been sent to the printers and will be ready for distribution the middle of April.

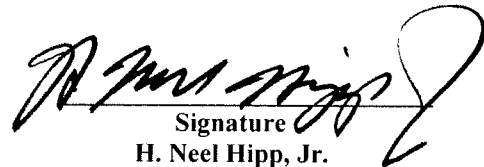
Executive Director's Report


Mr. O'Donnell stated he attended the NASAO Legislative Conference in Washington, DC March 16-19. At the conference, he volunteered to serve on the NEXTGeN Committee. He hopes for selection to this committee, which will help South Carolina be in on the ground floor with this new technology. Mr. O'Donnell reported on the Charlotte Class B Airspace meeting at Concord Airport and that the next meeting will be held at Rock Hill/York County Airport. They are discussing a cut-out for both Rock Hill and Lancaster Airports. He reported on the problems at Darlington County Jetport and his plans to attend the meeting on the NESAs Study to be held at Francis Marion University.


Adjournment

There being no further business, *Commissioner Frasher* moved the meeting be adjourned, *Secretary McKay* 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
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Signature
William L. McMillan
Commission Vice-Chairman


Date

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