



MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2012 – 12:00 Noon

Commission Members in attendance

Dennis Dabney, CPA, Chairman
Don Purcell, Vice Chairman
Russell Goudelock, Esquire, Secretary
James Christopher
Stuart Hope
Peter Mayers
Robert Pulliam
John Mark Dean

Richland County Staff in attendance

Christopher Eversmann, PE, CM, Airport Director
Greg Pearce, Richland County Council Liaison
John Hixon, Richland County Support Services Director

Visitors in attendance

Dave Lipski, Eagle Aviation
Paul Bass, Eagle Aviation
Paul Werts, SC Aeronautics Commission
Terry Macaluso, PE, WK Dickson
David Pond, PE, WK Dickson
Pat Gilmartin, HRH Neighborhood

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Dabney called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and called for delivery of the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Dabney presented the minutes of the October 8, 2012 Airport Commission meeting for approval. **Commissioner Purcell** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, **Commissioner Goudelock** seconded, and all approved.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Dabney presented the agenda as circulated. **Commissioner Purcell** made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, **Commissioner Christopher** seconded, and all approved.

Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report – The vote by Richland County Council to approve negotiation for the sale of the Curtiss-Wright Hangar was unanimous (11-0).

Vice Chairman's Report – No report.

Secretary's Report – No report.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Working on idea for “Youth in Aviation” scholarships. There will be a shortage of pilots in the future if we do not introduce youth to the world of aviation.

Marketing Committee – **Commissioner Goudelock** deferred his report until the end of the meeting.

Operations Committee – The airport has higher fuel cost than other airports throughout the State. **Commissioner Dean** asks what the fuel cost is at the Augusta airport?

Commissioner Purcell noted that the cost is \$6.04 per gallon. Looking for ideas to promote the airport. Self-serve aviation fuel has been implemented at some airports.

Commissioner Mayers, made a motion that the study be done by the Marketing Committee to identify ways to promote the airport and encourage increased activity.

Commissioner Goudelock seconded the motion and it was approved.

Nominating Committee – **Commissioner Goudelock** reported on behalf of the nominating committee. The following slate of officers is recommended for election:

Commissioner Purcell – Chairman

Commissioner Christopher – Vice Chairman

Commissioner Cole – Secretary

Commissioner Hope – Treasure

Airport Director's Report

Mr Eversmann welcomed **Ms Terry Wise** who will provide administrative support to the Airport Commission in the future. His report followed:

Airport News:

The noise camera is up and recording Runway 31 approach end aircraft activity. The cost for the camera was approximately \$300.00.

Meetings, Events, and Visits

Aug 8 – Will Hall, Indian Waters Council of the BSA

Aug 13 – 16 – AAAE Supervisor Fire Training, Alexandria, VA

Aug 27 – Jury Duty

Sep 5 – Curtiss-Wright Hangar

Richland County Airport Commission
Jim Hamilton – LB Owens Airport (CUB)
Columbia, South Carolina

Sep 6 – FEMA Flood Plain Map
Sep 10 – CAE FOD walk (SCASC)
Sep 12 – WK Dickson Master Agreement
Sep 26 – City of Columbia Planning Department staff
Sep 27 – Michael Bedenbaugh (CWH)
Sep 28 – GMU, SE Aviation Expo (SCASC)
Oct 2 – FEMA Flood Plain Map
Oct 3 – Operations Committee
Oct 4 – CW Hangar Partners, LLC
Oct 10 – RC Employee 101
Oct 18 – LPA
Oct 22 – ETV Filming
Oct 23 – FAA, ATL-ADO staff
Oct 30 – SEACO management staff
Nov 7 – SWPPP and SPCC Training
Nov 16 – Aerospace Career Day
Nov 19 – Finance Committee

Children’s group visits: None during this period

Adult group visits: Richland 101, Oct 25

AIP Project Updates

- Airspace tree penetration removal
 - Aviation easements acquisition ongoing
- Property acquisition
 - 0.5 acre required for extension of Taxiway ‘A’ ongoing
 - 5.71 acres fronting Plowden Road
 - \$112,000 (revised) appraisals
 - Owner asking \$140,000
 - Administrative Settlement options
 - Future grant
- Taxiway ‘A’ extension and SE airfield grading and drainage improvements
 - Design, permitting, and bidding
 - New consultant (WKD)
 - Will also include removal of most remaining airspace tree penetrations
 - Non-FAA funded floodplain map revision
 - Buffer fence
 - FAA grant application received
 - Taxiway ‘A’ extension and SE airfield grading and drainage improvements (FEMA Flood plain map update)

- Caused by Runway 13/31 construction in 1983
- Flood plain map not updated at that time
- FAA did not fund for the required update
- Richland County and City of Columbia “in violation”
- Community Rating System (CRS) rating threatened (flood insurance rates)
- USACE will not permit Taxiway 'A' extension until Flood plain map is corrected / violation addressed
- Deliberate process that requires public notifications and time periods

Budget and Finance

Operating Budget status (as of Oct 31, 2012 – 33% of the FY completed):

- Personnel – 30% expended
- Operations – 39% expended
- Capital – 63% expended
- Overall – 40% expended
- Impact of storm water fee rate increase by City of Columbia
- City of Columbia FY-13 Storm Water Fee Increase
- Sep 9, 11 invoice \$2,802.54
- Oct 9, 11 invoice \$2,852.70
- Sep 11, 12 invoice \$3,968.60
- Oct 10, 12 invoice \$3,968.60

Average monthly increase - \$1,140.98 (40%)

12-month forecasted increase - \$13,691.76

Eagle Aviation

Fuel Sales

Oct 2012 – Down

Hangar Occupancy – Full

Ramp Fees collected – \$345.00

Airport Metrics

Aircraft Complaints – There were ten (10) Aircraft complaints during the period of Aug 1 – Oct 31, 2012

Aug – 2 / Sep – 2 / Oct – 6 / Total – 10

Sun – 3 / Wed – 1 / Thu – 1 / Fri – 2 / Sat – 3 / Total – 10

Facilities & Grounds Maintenance Requests -

There were 34 Maintenance Requests during the period of Aug 1 – Oct 31, 2012.

62% - airside / 32% - terminal / 6% - landside

29% - electrical work / 32% - hangar related

Other Items

- 345th Bomb Group Reunion, Nov 8 – 9, 2012
- “Betty’s Dream” B-25 (Texas Flying Legends) arrives on Nov 8, 2012
- SCHAF aircraft also in display and rides for WWII veterans
- Displaced to CAE Friday afternoon
- Flyover of Williams-Brice Stadium during Arkansas football game

County Representative’s Report

Councilman Pearce spoke on the recent election and associated problems. Two new members of the County Council were elected. The office of the County Administrator is short staffed with efforts underway to hire a permanent County Administrator as well as a Research Manager. He also complimented interim County Administrator Tony McDonald on the job he is doing in the interim.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.