



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 11, 2013 – 12:00 Noon**

**Commission Members in attendance**

Don Purcell, Chairman  
James Christopher, Vice Chairman  
Stuart Hope, Treasurer  
Russell Goudelock, Esquire  
John Dean

**Richland County Staff in attendance**

Greg Pearce, Richland County Council Liaison  
Torrey Rush, Richland County Council  
Chris Eversmann, PE, CM, Airport Director  
Terry Wise, Administrative Support

**Visitors in attendance**

Peggy Lopez, Eagle Aviation  
Dave Lipski , Eagle Aviation  
Paul Bass, Eagle Aviation  
Eric Miarka, Gills Creek Watershed Association  
Gary Siegfried, Mead & Hunt, Inc  
Joe Barkevich, AICP, WK Dickson Co, Inc  
Stony Truett, Private Pilot  
Moe Baddourah, Columbia City Council

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**Welcome and Call to Order**

**Chairman Purcell** called the meeting to order and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and called for the invocation.

**Invocation**

**Commissioner Dean** delivered the invocation.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Chairman Purcell** presented the minutes of the January 14, 2013 Airport Commission meeting for approval. **Commissioner Purcell** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, **Commissioner Christopher** seconded, and all approved.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Presentation – Ms Peggy Lopez, Customer Service Representative, Eagle Aviation**

Ms Lopez talked about the planned activities for the 2013 Hamilton – Owens Palmetto Cup. On April 6, 2013, the Hamilton – Owens Airport will host an Aerial Scavenger Hunt benefitting the American Cancer Society. All of the funds raised will go to that charity. Last year they raised \$5,000. The aerial scavenger hunt will take approximately 1 ½ hours, with an entry fee of \$50 per aircraft. There will be a large variety of aircraft participating. **Commissioner Dean** asked if there were hunt sites over the city? Ms Lopez answered that the sites are all away from population centers and that participants will be thoroughly briefed on noise abatement procedures.

### **Presentation – Mr Erich Miarka, Program Coordinator, Gills Creek Watershed Association**

Mr Miarka explained what a “watershed” is and its purpose. He explained that the GCWA is a nonprofit (501C-3) organization that is fully funded by donations, grants, and contributions. The Gills Creek Watershed is one of our State’s most impaired watersheds, it contains over 70 miles of streams, and covers over 47,000 acres of land. It includes parts of Richland County, Columbia, Cayce, Forest Acres, Fort Jackson, and Arcadia Lakes. The vision of GCWA is to promote practices to achieve a watershed which is:

- Litter free,
- Free of erosion and the resulting lake sedimentation,
- Covered by building codes that promote conservation and best management practices, and,
- Assessments of Development proposals are made, to determine impacts on water quality, in order to greatly improve our water quality so that our creeks are no longer impaired.

Non-Point Source Pollution is the biggest issue and it is due in large part to development. When stormwater flows across surfaces like pavement, rooftops, and lawns, it picks up pollutants in its path such as oil, grease, fertilizer, herbicides, pet waste, sediment, and trash. These are contaminants in large areas within the watershed. Restoration of the watershed requires united efforts of all to include city, county, state, and federal entities. **Chris Eversmann** acknowledged that **Commissioner Mayers** is a board member of the GCWA.

### **Report of Items for Executive Session**

**Chris Eversmann** reported that an executive session for a contractual matter was required. **Commissioner Purcell** made a motion to defer the executive session until the end of the meeting. **Commissioner Goudelock**, seconded, and all approved.

### **Officers' Reports**

**Chairman's Report** – No report  
**Vice Chairman's Report** – No report  
**Secretary's Report** – No report  
**Treasurer's Report** – No report

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Deferred report  
**Marketing Committee** – No report  
**Operations Committee** – Deferred report

### **Airport Director's Report**

#### **Meetings, Events, and Visits**

- Jan 23 – LOMR coordination
- Jan 25 – AWOS maintenance proposals (SCAC)
- Jan 28 – Mr David Reddy
- Feb 4 – AWOS maintenance proposals (SCAC)
- Feb 5 – Runway Safety Action Team
- Feb 6 – CW Hanger Partners, LLC
- Feb 8 – RC Stormwater Inspection
- Feb 13-15 – SCAA Annual Conference
- Feb 20 – Developer
- Feb 20 – Hope Aviation
- Feb 22 – SCASC
- Feb 26 – Operations Committee
- Feb 26 – TSA Visit
- Feb 28 – County Administrator's budget brief
- Mar 6 – National Aviation Week (SCAA)
- Mar 6 – Frank Shumpert
- Mar 7 – CW Hanger Partners, LLC

**Children's group visit** – None during this period.

**Adult group visit** – None during this period.

### **AIP Project Updates**

Airspace tree penetration removal

- Aviation easements acquisition is on going

Property acquisition

- 0.5 acre required for extension of Taxiway 'A' – ongoing
- 6 acres fronting Plowden Road
- Owner has lowered asking price
- 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
- FEMA Flood plain map revision
- Buffer fence
- FAA grant application received
- FEMA Flood plain map updated
- FAA has agreed to finance 75% of the FEMA Flood plain map update
- Design to 60%
- SCAC matching Grant approved

### **Budget and Finance**

- FY-13 Operating Budget status (Feb 21,12-67% of FY completed)
- Personnel – 65% expended
- Operations – 71% expended
- Capital – 75% expended
- Overall – 70% expended

### **Eagle Aviation**

- Fuel Sales
- Ramp fees (9 in Jan.) (11 in Feb.)
- Fuel sales- Jan. 2013 down 33% , Feb. 2013 down 27%
- Hangar Occupancy – Full
- Ramp Fees collected – \$560.00

### **Airport Metrics**

**Aircraft Complaints** – There were two (2) aircraft complaints during the period of  
January 1 – February 28, 2013:

1 – Jan / 1 – Feb

1 – Mon / 1 – Tue

**Facilities & Grounds Maintenance Requests** – There were 29 maintenance requests during the period of January 1 – February 28, 2013:

76% - airside / 21% - terminal / 3% - landside  
48% - electrical work / 62% - hangar related

### **Other Items**

Curtiss-Wright Hanger

- Survey Complete
- Appraisal Complete
- Negotiation underway

Runway 31 PAPI Outage

Sequestration

SC Breakfast Club, Mar 3, 2013 (no aircraft complaints received)

FAA Eastern Region Airports Conference (Hershey Conference) Mar 18-20, 2013

SCAC Safety Fly-In, Mar 22, 2013 (CAE)

Hamilton–Owens Palmetto Cup, Apr 6, 2013

The Earl Yerrick Memorial Static Display, Apr 6, 2013

10,000<sup>th</sup> EAA-242 Young Eagle flight

National Aviation Week, Aug 18-24

RSAT effort to address mistaken approaches: “Be Alert: Due to proximity and runway alignment aircrews have mistaken CAE (runway 11/29) for CUB (runway 13/31) which is 6 miles SW.”

### **County Liaison’s Report**

Richland County Commissioner G. Pearce – No report

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Executive Session**

The Executive session opened at 12:38 p.m. and closed at 1:05 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.