

**LAURENS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION**  
**3985 Torrington Road**  
**Laurens, South Carolina 29360**

REGULAR MEETING –February 2, 2015

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Sam Wham, Chairman  
John Mitchell  
Bob Harrington  
Tim Hill  
Dickie Patterson  
Rick Snipes  
Jim Spencer

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Cory Engle, Laurens Advertiser

The regular monthly meeting of the Laurens County Airport Commission was held on February 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the airport terminal.

Chairman Sam Wham called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting of February 2, 2015 was presented and approval. The agenda was approved by consensus. The minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting were read and approved by consensus.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FY 2015 BUDGET**

The FY 2015 budget was presented. Our expenditures as of this date are on track because the expenditures are not as necessary at this time of the year, primarily because we are not spending monies for tractor fuel and maintenance.

**AIRPORT PROJECTS**

**PAVEMENT REHAB PROJECT**

Sam Wham stated we recently met a “major milestone” on the past Friday (January 30<sup>th</sup>). The PAPIs were flown and certified. We have previously paid the estimated \$4066.00 FAA fee for this procedure. The FAA will now notify us of the actual cost and we will settle the account as necessary. We anticipate a refund of some of this amount. Once that amount is known, we will request a reimbursement from the FAA and SCAC from our project grant funds. This event was the last activity and expense on the project.

**ENCLOSE REMAINING OPEN T-HANGERS**

Sam reported that Bud Boyter has not been successful in finding a contractor to accomplish the project. So we have basically taken the approach to find someone local to perform the work on the project and Bud would oversee the project. We would purchase the materials and hire a local contractor to install the doors and partitions under Bud’s supervision. Bud located a company in North Carolina that can bend the “door tracks” to conform to that now in use and also construct the doors. This is the plan we expect to use to get the project accomplished.

**CREDIT CARD PEDESTAL AND FUEL PUMP COVERING**

In the recent past, the Commission has approached the subject of building a cover over the credit card pedestal/fuel pump dispensing location. Sammy presented a “paper cut-out design” of an idea concept of a cover for the credit card and fuel pump equipment. This structure approximately seven feet in height is mainly to protect the refueling equipment from inclement weather. The structure would be constructed of metal and designed and finished to be compatible with the terminal building and the maintenance hangar.

## **AIRPORT OPERATIONS REPORT**

### **AIRPORT**

Jim Spencer reported the airfield and buildings are in good shape. We do not have any discrepancies to be repaired at this time. At the present time; there is one airplane in the Maintenance Hangar with another inbound aircraft to be the second airplane to be stored in it also. The PAPIs are back in full service. The FAA has flown and certified them and they are operating properly.

Sam Wham reported that there were issues with the AWOS back in the fall and those had been resolved. Because of issues with the State's contractor state wide, the SCAC has cancelled that contract and in the interim is working with Vaisala, the equipment manufacturer, while new contract negotiations are in progress. The system is working properly at the present time.

Jim also reported that there is fuel truck inbound for delivery next day after the meeting. Wholesale fuel prices have made drastic drops and we have lowered our price three times since receiving our last shipment of fuel and we are presently at \$3.99 per gallon.

### **T-HANGARS**

Jim Spencer reported that we currently have one open hangar empty but it is spoken for and the airplane is inbound soon.

### **RENTAL HOME**

The tenants are keeping the place looking good and paying the rent on time. We did incur one expense and that was bill for \$85.00 for having the doublewide sprayed for pest control.

### **AIRPORT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

Bob Harrington reported he had read the proposed plan's guidelines and requirements necessary to implement the plan but it needs to be formatted to meet our present needs. The proposal includes examples of procedures, the contacts and the order of implementing the plan to fit the emergency situation. It also includes the required actions of the staff and/or personnel required, or present, at the time of the emergency.

### **SCAA CONFERENCE**

The conference is to be held at The Boardwalk Inn, Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC, on February 11-13, 2015. The commission members planning to attend are Sammy Wham, John Mitchell, Bob Harrington, Rick Snipes, Jim Spencer and Bud Boyter from the Airport Commission and Staff. Ernie Segars, County Administrator and Diane Anderson, County Council Member, also are committed to attend the conference this year.

### **BOYTER RETIREMENT/REHIRING**

Sam Wham announced that Bud Boyter, Airport Staff Member, is retiring the middle of this month (February) and he will return under a continuation program after 30 days. In the interim, Jim White will be filling in during Bud's absent on as needed basis.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS**

None

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned and the date of the next meeting was scheduled on April 6, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JIMMIE L. SPENCER, Secretary/Treasurer