

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

REGULAR MEETING – February 1, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS ATTENDING

Bud Boyter
Andy Howard

The regular monthly meeting of the Laurens County Airport Commission was held on February 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the airport terminal.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA and MINUTES

Chairman Sam Wham called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting of February 1, 2016 was presented for approval. Bob Harrington moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Rick Snipes. Motion passed unanimously. The minutes of December 7, 2015 were approved by consensus.

2. OLD BUSINESS

• **2016 BUDGET**

The 2016 budget was reviewed without questions. It was noted that \$6,015 had been spent out of the matching grant account for our 25% portion with the SCAC for the sinkhole repair on Taxiways B/D and the crack sealing on Taxiway A. Also, expenses had been incurred in the equipment maintenance account for the purchase of bulbs and repair of the REILS.

• **AIRPORT PROJECTS**

Drainage Pipe Repair: The grassing has been completed in the disturbed area. We have experience some minor erosion and Bud has addressed this with the placement of some hay in the washed out areas. We will continue to monitor and address as necessary. Rob Russian has asked us to monitor and advise him of any puddling in the area around the drain box. He will address as necessary.

2017-2021 ACIP Sammy reported that the FAA has just started going through the 2017-2021 ACIP that we submitted in December. We submitted our ACIP in accordance with the FAA's recommendation to roll our FY15 and FY16 annual entitlement funds into FY17 and they would add the needed discretionary funds to our FY17 entitlement funds to accomplish the project in FY17. Sammy received a call from Andy Busbee (Michael Baker) last week stating that he had received a call from the FAA asking if we could proceed in FY16 if state apportionment funds were available. Sammy told Andy that we would be interested, but we would have to look at our local funding before we could commit. We will have an opportunity to discuss this further with them at the SCAA conference in February.

Pavement Rehab Phase 2 and Other Pavement Project Funding: Following the discussion of the FAA's interest in moving the Phase 2 project into FY16, Sammy opened the discussion on the topic of funding of various projects utilizing funds accumulated in the Commission's account for project purposes in addition to County budgeted funds. Based on the original ACIP presented for FY2016, no funds beyond the normal budget request of \$25K was made in our budget for FY16. Additionally, Sammy had discussed with Rob Russian the possible project of resurfacing the terminal parking lot and pavement between this area and the parking ramp. This pavement was not part of the original rehab project and believed to not be eligible for grant assistance. Given recent FAA rule changes on funding for projects in

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support of revenue producing items, there was some concern as to whether the taxi lane near the old T-Hangar was still eligible. There are also other projects such as work on the double wide mobile home, existing T-Hangar, and fuel system as well as reserves for unplanned or emergencies that will require project funds.

After a comprehensive discussion regarding project priorities, funding options and fund balances, Bob Harrington made motion to allocate up to \$125K for project funding and retain the remainder in operating funds. Dickie Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Airport Operations Report**

Airport: Bud Boyter reported on the activities at the airport stating operations are going well. We continue to get a good bit of transient traffic due to our fuel prices. We reduced our price at the pump to \$3.55 per gallon to stay competitive with other low prices in the area. Wholesale fuel prices are beginning to rise again. We currently have 3,000 gallons on hand and should be purchasing a load in the next month or so. He discussed the need to consider having the fuel tank inspected and cleaned in the future concurrent with purchasing a load of fuel. He is looking for contractors who can do such work and get prices.

T-Hangars & Rental Home: Repairs to the T-Hangars are complete. Rental homes repairs have been delayed until May.

- **Administrative Update:** Sammy stated that he would be closing out the checking account at TD Bank given that we have had no activity and all checks have cleared. He will transfer those funds to the Park Sterling Bank money market account.

John Mitchell submitted his resignation from the Commission in December after almost 15 years of service.

Jim Spencer submitted his resignation at the conclusion of the meeting after almost 16 years of service. He was thanked for his dedicated and faithful service.

- **SCAA Annual Conference** : Sammy confirmed that Bob Harrington, and Rick Snipes would join him in attending the upcoming SCAA conference in Charleston on February 10 -12. He will draw a check to pay for all the commissioners registration. Andy Howard and Ms. Dianne Anderson will also be attending from Laurens County.

3. New Business

None Additional

4. QUESTIONS -- PRESS

None

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned and the date of the next meeting was scheduled on April 4, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

George S. Wham, Chairman