

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

REGULAR MEETING – October 3, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Sam Wham, Chairman
Bob Harrington
Dickie Patterson
Rick Snipes

OTHERS ATTENDING

Ernie Segars
Jim Spencer

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Laurens County Airport Commission was held on October 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the airport terminal.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA and MINUTES

Chairman Wham called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was presented. Rick Snipes moved to approve the minutes as presented and Bob Harrington seconded. Motion approved with no objection. The minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Dickie Patterson moved to approve. Rick Snipes seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS

• **Budgets**

2017 BUDGET : The budget with YTD activity was presented and reviewed for information. There were no questions.

• **AIRPORT PROJECTS**

2017-2021 ACIP / Pavement Rehab Phase 2 and Other Pavement Project Funding:

Sammy recapped the activity on the project since our last meeting during which time the FAA advised us on August 10th that they had approximately \$1 million available in FY16 funds for our project. These funds would allow us to continue this year with the concrete overlay of oldest taxiway (Taxiway B), reconstruction of the taxiway near the old t-hangar, and rejuvenation of the newest taxiway (Taxiway A). Sammy followed with an overview of his presentation to County Council at their regular meeting on August 23rd in which he presented the various aspects of the project and project funding and received their approval to proceed. A current funding analysis was then presented to the Commission that included the State grant funds and a description of the process to procure them. Sammy then recapped various contractual documents that covered the process of awarding the contract to McCarthy Improvement Inc. by the end of August and they signed the contract. A preconstruction conference is scheduled for October 6th. Work is expected to begin by Nov 1st with completion hopefully by Christmas. The rejuvenation portion will be handled by the SCAC contractor for this type work and not McCarthy.

Fuel Tank Maintenance Project: Bud Boyter had reported that the work on the fuel tank was satisfactorily completed and the bill had been paid.

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- **Airport Operations Report**

Airport: Bud had reported that we sold approximately 2,500 gallons in fuel sales during the Triple Tree Fly-in and ran out on Sunday morning. We don't feel that we missed many sales because most customers purchased fuel on the way in on prior days. A replacement load arrived Wednesday morning. The replacement cost was slightly less than the prior load and we adjusted the price to \$3.75 / gal in line with Spartanburg. Only Union and Saluda are lower at \$3.70

T-Hangars & Rental Home: We currently have 20 based aircraft and one ultra-light aircraft on the airfield. All hangars are rented. Nothing further to report.

- **SC Breakfast Club:** The Fly-in was well attended with approximately 50 aircraft in attendance. Boy Scouts reported that they feed approximately 130. Total attendance estimated at 175. We are booked for September 17th next year.

- **Administrative Update**

Financial Update: Bob Harrington gave a brief financial update on the Commission's funds.

3. New BUSINESS

- **SCAC Annual Inspection:** SCAC conducted their annual safety inspection on September 19th and used the new aerial mapping system to assess our airspace obstructions. We received their report on September 22nd with links to their web based data that provides much more specific graphical information than in the past. Andy Howard and Rob Russian are working with the affected property owners for a mitigation solution.
- **Hangar Rents:** Bob Harrington and Dickie Patterson reported that they had gathered some information on hangar rents in our market area for compatible units. Some of our prices are in line for our market and others are out of line. We will discuss further at our next meeting especially in light of our current construction project.

4. QUESTIONS -- PRESS

None present.

5. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion by Rick Snipes and seconded by Dickie Patterson that passed unanimously. The meeting is scheduled on December 5, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

George S. Wham, Chairman