

# OCONEE COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes of the OCAC

Date of Meeting: April 16<sup>th</sup> 2012, 5:30 pm

Commissioners present were Tom Luke, Dan Suddeth, Ron Chiles, and Randy Renz. Airport Director Kevin Short was also in attendance.

Public attendees David Bryant

Chairman Luke called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Chairman Luke asked for a motion to approve the Feb 2012 commission meeting minutes. Mr Luke asked that the stated "adjourned" time be changed the correct ending time. The minutes then passed unanimously.

**Public comments** –None .

**Airport Director Report:** Kevin Short reviewed his monthly director's report highlighting last months retail fuel sales, hangar rents, misc sale etc. He stated A & T fencing of Lavonia GA had completed the fencing project and had been paid all three pay requests the total cost was \$117,350. Kevin said the submitted draft budget had been set aside and that all county depts had been directed to resubmit their budgets with a 25% cut in operating expenses. Kevin stated he had done so and that the dept could operate on that amount but it would be unlikely that any additional hangars or the hangar bldg E restroom upgrade would be funded due to the budget constraints. Kevin reviewed the last months retail sales, the status of the 11.23 acre parcel appraisals and house appraisals and that the FAA recently emailed him supporting the acquisition of the property but that the county had to close all old AIP grants before the FAA would move forward on the land. Kevin stated the new seasonal groundskeeper was working very hard and the airfield grounds looked very well groomed.

**Airport Assoc.** Mr. Luke mentioned that the group would hold a cookout event on the Eagle Ridge airport on the evening of April 26<sup>th</sup> at Don Frasers hangar.

## Old Business

**Security Camera for terminal** – on hold

**Airport Rules and Regs...** on hold

**SC Title 55** - SC legislature still in discussions on changes/updates

**Amendment to Commission Ordinance** - Mr. Luke reviewed the recently approved changes to the Council approved Boards and Commissions Ordinance. Districts 2, 4, and 5 are up for reelection. There is also an new 7<sup>th</sup> At Large commission member

**Construction of Additional Hangars** –Mr. Luke stated that even though the budget next year may not allow hangar construction, he asked that the committed continue to move forward on site selection and other items which could be accomplished.

**11.23 acre committee...** The airport engineering consultant is almost complete with the appraisals and environmental assessment. However, FAA will not likely issue a purchase or reimbursement grant until all “old” AIP grants are closed out.

**District III commission appt.-** Mr. Luke stated he and Randy had interviewed Mr. Eddie Perry for the vacant commission seat. Mr. Perry interviewed well and this was forwarded to Councilman Barron.

### **New Business**

**Avigation Easements/Obstruction Clearing** –Mr. Short explained how WK Dickson had started working on the avigation easement project and that this involved acquiring legal easement agreements with the adjoining landowners. After the easements are secured obstruction clearing would likely take place to remove the offending trees etc from the approaches to the runway.

**Commission Member comments** - Mr. Suddeth asked that the 24 hr way finding signage be reviewed for understanding and clarity. Mr. Luke reminded the commission of their willingness to assist in interviewing prospective commission appointees. Tom also mentioned the annual Humane Society fundraising event that will be held on Sat. May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Public Comments:** David Bryant mentioned how Pickens County airport held the benefit event and the turnout was very good.. over 100 antique and classic cars came out. He stated that due to the small ramp area the airport had issued a NOTAM restriction large aircraft from landing during the event.

Mr. Luke stated the next meeting would be May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.