

# OCONEE COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: 365 Airport Road Seneca, SC 29691

Commissioners present:

Randy Renz

Mike Gray

David Bryant

Tom Luke

Dan Schmiedt

Commissioners Absent:

Eddie Perry

Ron Chiles

Airport Staff Members: Airport Director Kevin Short

Public attendees: Dr. James Hunt from the SC Aeronautics Commission

Media: None

**Minutes:**

Chairman Renz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Mr. Renz asked for a motion to approve commission meeting minutes from September 2014. Mr. Renz mentioned two typo errors in the draft. With corrections noted, a motion was made by Mr. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Schmiedt, it passed unanimously.

Chairman Renz recognized Dr. Hunt representing our district with the SC Aeronautics Commission.

Dr. Hunt spoke for approximately 10 minutes noting the reassignment of Mr. Paul Werts and also how aviation fuel taxes are collected and allocated the SC Aeronautics' commission and also how state matching grants are allocated to SC airports. Dr. Hunt mentioned the Commission had recently approved a \$25,211 grant to Oconee County for land acquisition, design of a new exit taxiway and Utility pole relocation. He lastly stated how the small airport at Hester SC (Calhoun Falls) would likely be closing sometime next year due to lack of activity and investment.

**Airport Director Report:** Kevin Short reviewed his monthly director's report highlighting last month's retail fuel sales, hangar rents, misc. sales, operations and personnel matters.

**Airport Association Report** - Mr. Bryant mentioned he did trash pickup along Airport road on Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the need for a more conspicuous Sign at the main entrance. Kevin said he had offered that project to the Leadership Oconee County class several years ago but they chose another project.

**Old Business:** No action taken on the two topics listed.

**New Business:** Mr. Short stated the County closed the purchase of 4 lots on Timber Ridge Lane for Obstruction clearance. The total cost with legal fees was approx. \$82,000 but the county share was only 5% (\$4100). Mr. Short mentioned the posting of the part-time attendant position with the staff's desire to hire an experienced refuser as soon as practical. Mr. Short reviewed the status of the commission terms and the need for replacements in Jan. He mentioned interested individuals should complete the boards and commission survey.

**Executive Session:** the executive session was cancelled.

**Commission Member comments - Mr.** Bryant commented about excessive stormwater runoff on Airport Road near Hangar E during a rain event in Sept. Mr. Short said he would investigate the matter during the next heavy rainstorm to ensure the detention pond was performing its function.

**Public Comments:** None

Mr. Renz mention the next meeting day will be Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p:m

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin D. Short