



Oconee County Aeronautics Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2023

Members, Oconee Aeronautics Commission

Mr. Dan Suddeth, Chairman

Mr. Al Brightwell, Vice Chairman

Mr. Eric Barnhill, Secretary

Mr. Bobby Fendley, Mr. Marion Lyles, Mr. Eddie Perry, Mr. David Bryant

Airport Staff Liaison: Mr. Jeff Garrison

The Oconee County Aeronautics Commission met at 5:30 PM July 20, 2023 at the Oconee County Airport, 365 Airport Road Seneca SC, with all members present except for Mr. Eddie Perry. Also present was Oconee County Airport Staff Liaison Mr. Jeff Garrison and Assistant to Airport Director Ms. Melinda Cox.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda was posted to the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition, it was made available to Airport tenants and customers as well as *[upon request]* to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the press were present

Call to Order: Mr. Dan Suddeth called the meeting to order @ 5:30 PM.

Mr. Suddeth asked Airport Staff Liaison Mr. Garrison to provide opening remarks. Mr. Garrison welcomed all in attendance and briefly discussed the value and importance of the Aeronautics Commission moving forward.

Introduction of Aeronautics Commission Members: Mr. Suddeth began introductions with himself followed by the current and newly appointed members.

Discussion:

A. Review of Ordinance 2018-35:

Mr. Suddeth provided copies of Ordinance 2018-35 to the Commission members and reviewed the group's purpose, membership terms, duties, and compensation. Mr. Suddeth also advised members to review their Aeronautics Commission Packet for additional information.

B. Aeronautics Commission Expectations:

Mr. Suddeth initiated an open discussion as to the expectations and future goals of the group.

C. Election of Officers:

1.) Mr. Barnhill made a motion to appoint Mr. Suddeth as Chairman, 2nd was provided by Mr. Bryant, being no objections or discussion, motion passed.

- 2.) Mr. Bryant made a motion to appoint Mr. Brightwell as Vice Chairman, 2nd provided by Mr. Barnhill, being no objects or discussion, motion passed.
- 3.) Mr. Suddeth asked for a motion to appoint an Aeronautics Secretary. With no motions made, Mr. Barnhill volunteered, Mr. Bryant provided a motion to accept Mr. Barnhill's offer, 2nd provided by Mr. Suddeth, being no objections/discussion, motion passed.

D. **Schedule of Commission Meeting Dates:** Mr. Suddeth stated the meetings going forward would take place at the Oconee County Council Chambers Walhalla, SC. He proposed scheduling the meetings quarterly, placing the next meeting for October 26, 2023. The group briefly discussed scheduling the meetings at 3:30 PM rather than 5:30 PM. Mr. Brightwell provided a motion to schedule the next meeting for October 26, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Mr. Lyles 2nd the motion, being no additional discussion or objects, motion passed.

Commission Member Comments: Mr. Brightwell made a suggestion for the board to research the economic impact that Oconee County Airport has within the County and surrounding areas. He would also like to contact Aviation related groups/boards for their insight as well. Mr. Bryant echoed Mr. Brightwell's suggestion and stated it would be beneficial to invite these organizations to KCEU to provide presentations, updates, safety seminars, etc.

Public Comment: Mrs. Susan Vanfleet addressed the Commission with her appreciation to the staff at Oconee County Airport for their security efforts as well as consistently maintaining a polite and professional manner.

Next Meeting Date/Time: October 26, 2023 @3:30 PM

Adjournment: There being no other discussion, Mr. Bryant made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lyles provided the second. Motion passed, Meeting adjourned @7:15 PM.

Prepared/Submitted by: Melinda Cox