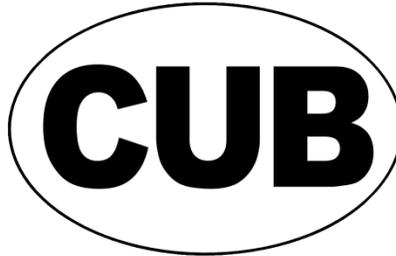


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**Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022 – 12:00 Noon**

Commission Members in attendance

John Parrish, Chairman
Mike Kelly, Esquire, Vice Chairman
Prentiss McLaurin, Secretary
Joel McCreary, AIA, Treasurer
Louis Dessau
Lynn Hutto
Michael Medsker

Richland County Staff in attendance

Cheryl English, Richland County Liaison
Michael Maloney, PE, Director of Public Works
Chris Eversmann, PE, AAE, Airport General Manager
Ebony Tyler, Administrative Coordinator

Visitors in attendance

Joseph Barkevich, AICP, WK Dickson
Ken Harrill, Tenant
Jim Herpst, EAA-242
Ryan Hounshell, PE, Holt Consulting
Terry Macaluso, PE, WK Dickson
Peggy Roberson, Eagle Aviation
Phillip Strobe, PE, ADC

Encl: (1) Airport General Manager's Report PowerPoint Presentation

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Call to Order and Welcome – **Chairman Parrish** called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He then welcomed everyone. **Commissioner Kelly** delivered the invocation.

Report of Items for Executive Session – **Chairman Parrish** reported that there were no items for Executive Session.

Approval of Agenda – **Chairman Parrish** presented the agenda as distributed. **Commissioner Kelly** made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. **Commissioner Medsker** seconded the motion, and all voted for approval.

Approval of Minutes – **Chairman Parrish** presented the minutes of March 21, 2022 Airport Commission meeting for approval. **Commissioner Medsker** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. **Commissioner Kelly** seconded the motion, and all voted for approval.

Chairman’s Report / Executive Committee Report – **Chairman Parrish** reported on the following:

- ➔ He welcomed **Commissioner Dessau** who is the newly appointed Neighborhood Representative. A brief introduction and background was provided by **Commissioner Dessau**.
- ➔ The Mid-Air Collision Avoidance (MACA) Program was conducted on March 26, 2022 in Hangar Y3. It was well attended and provided informative presentations on military and civilian aircraft operating in the same airspace.
- ➔ The Shaw Air Force Base Air Show was held during April.
- ➔ A discussion on self-service fuel pumps and a suggested ban on low lead fuel followed. **Mr Eversmann** provided an installation price quote of over \$400,000 for an above-ground, self-serve tank at another midlands-area General Aviation Airport.
- ➔ On May 5th, a small (approximately 1 inch), but deep sinkhole was discovered on the Aircraft Parking Apron in front of the Corporate Hangar leased by The University of South Carolina. The Richland County Department of Public Works and the Utilities Department responded promptly to make an assessment and repairs. The cause of sink hole was due to an uncapped sewer clean out access that had been paved over.
- ➔ The “Guns” Garrin Foundation honors a deceased South Carolina Air National Guard Pilot. It supports families of military members as well as promotes aviation. They will conduct a gathering and fund raiser at the Curtiss-Wright

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Hangar / Hunter-Gatherer on May 28th. Though not an official Airport-sponsored event, coordination with EAA-242 and the SCHAF will help ensure that it is a success. The Foundation will provide a shuttle from the Terminal for attendees who are flying in.

- Some large pine trees at Owens Field Park are partially obscuring view of the rotating beacon. **Mr Eversmann** will begin the process of coordination with the City of Columbia Staff to address the problem.
- The County Administrator does not wish to move forward with re-negotiation of the Owens Field Park Lease at this time.
- The South Carolina Breakfast Club will meet at the Airport on May 29th with food preparation provided by EAA Chapter 242.

Operations & Facilities Committee – **Commissioner McCreary** reported on the following:

- **Commissioner Dessau** will join the Operations & Facilities Committee.
- **Mr Eversmann** is currently reviewing and editing / drafting an updated **Airport Manual**. Following that, he will begin work on the **County Airport Ordinance (Chapter 3)**. **Commissioner McCreary** is drafting a Lease Agreement and other Operations documents.
- **Commissioner McCreary** deferred to the Airport General Manager to provide a report on other Operations & Facilities matters.

Promotional Committee – **Commissioner Medsker** reported on the following:

- Strategic vision and strategic plan is in the final draft form.
- The Promotional Committee meeting was held Wednesday, May 4th.

Airport General Manager's Report – A copy of **Mr Eversmann's** PowerPoint presentation is contained in the enclosure.

County Liaison's Report – There was no report provided.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

Executive Session – There was no executive session.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Next Meeting – The next meeting of the Airport Commission will occur on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 12:00 Noon.