



Minutes
City of Hartsville South Carolina
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2023 – 5:30pm
Hartsville Regional Airport
1083 Airport Road

PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SC CODE 30-4-80: WRITTEN NOTICE WAS DELIVERED TO THE PRESS BY EMAIL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 AND DULY POSTED AT THE HARTSVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AT 1083 HARTSVILLE AIRPORT ROAD AND ON HARTSVILLES.COV. HARTSVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IS AN ACCESSIBLE FACILITY, FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 843-383-3018.

Members Present: Dr. Lee Gardner (Chair), Lex West, Wayne Guttry, Curry Dawkins

Members Absent: Bryan Drayton

Guest(s): Paul Werts

Staff: City Airport Staffer Brandon Brown, Airport FBO Mark DeFields, Rise Aero

Council Ex-Officio: Robert Braddock

Call to Order

Board Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 5:34pm, welcomed those in attendance.

Vote on minutes from March 13, 2023 meeting: Motion by West. Second by Dawkins. Passed with all eyes.

FBO Report for March 2023 – May 2023 – refer to reports to City Council.

- Status of Flight Training, Aircraft, Flight School Numbers
- Number of flights for September - January
- Fuel Sales for September - January
- Shade Hangar occupancy, rental receipts
- Enclosed T-hangar occupancy, rental receipts
- Wings Over Hartsville – March 25
 - DeFields stated that they had 125 – 150 attendees. Aircraft numbers increased from last year.
- RiseAero Updates – Mark DeFields
 - Wings over Hartsville had 125 – 150 attendees. Aircraft numbers increased from last year.
 - Still working through fuel truck issues. Brown stated that the city manager wants to look at options for adding another self-service fuel doghouse for single point refueling. RiseAero to work on obtaining quotes.
 - NDB still being maintained.
 - EAA event (Ford Trimotor flights at FLO) went well.
 - DeFields asked the board for help in exploring grant and scholarship opportunities to help students pay for flight training.

Report from the City Airport Manager

- Status of Rotating Beacon Upgrade
 - This would be a grant from SC Aeronautics. Would have to provide a match. Board had some discussion as to whether this should be on CIP. We could replace just the beacon head and repaint the supports. Tabled this discussion.
- Storm water runoff from airport property to Whippoorwill Rd property.
 - Since the plugging of the weepholes, there has not been any stormwater runoff onto the Whippoorwill property. We will continue to monitor.



- Close out of Grant 15-16
 - We are still awaiting feedback from the FAA.
- Airport Committee member terms, recruiting new committee members
 - Curry Dawkins and Wayne Guttry submitted applications. Lex West is resigning.
 - Gardner & Dawkins mentioned knowing some people that may be interested, but they live outside the city. Per ordinance, 3 members must live inside the city. The only spots available for members at this time were for members inside the city limits.
- Naming of HVS terminal building
 - Brown informed the board of the petition and that council discussed it in the worksession and it would be up for vote at the council meeting on June 13. Board members expressed that they wished a recommendation came from the board prior to the issue going to council. Gardner expressed reservation about naming anything after anyone but felt it would be good look, especially for what Sen. Malloy had done and what he may be able to do for the airport in the future. Also, an article was printed in the paper that stated the entire airport was to be named after Sen. Malloy. West stated that we should obtain clarification in regards to whether the entire airport was to be named after Sen. Malloy, or just the terminal building. Also wanted to ensure that naming would not affect any future partnerships. The board chose to table the discussion for the next board meeting.

Report from Talbert & Bright – Paul Werts

- Runway rehab will be put out for bid in the Spring of 2024. Projecting an 8 week shutdown of airport operations.
- HVS SWPPP is on track
- Werts asked if the city has thought about the creation of a special purpose district between HVS and UDG. This could present the opportunity for more funding. The board is going to research and continue discussions.

Adjournment

Without out objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Dr. Lee Gardner, Board Chair

Date