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Virginia Aviation Board meets, allocates funds to state airports and recognizes Virginia Aviation Board members

Richmond—The Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved tentative allocations of Commonwealth Airport Funds for Fiscal year 2013 at its meeting on Thursday, May 16 at the Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Airport. Approved Air Carrier/Reliever Discretionary funding was \$3,159,812.28 and General Aviation Discretionary funding was \$990,340. Projects addressed ranged from obstruction removal in Martinsville, to parking lot rehabilitation and expansion in Shenandoah Valley, to terminal building renovation and upgrades in Charlottesville and a taxiway extension in Manassas. Total Commonwealth Airport Fund discretionary funds allocated were \$4,150,152.28.

The board also recognized Virginia Aviation Board members Robert “Bob” S. Dix and Richard “Rick” C. Franklin, Jr. for their years of services to the Commonwealth. Both board members’ terms expire June 30, 2013. Several accomplishments during Mr. Dix’s term include: terminal buildings at Lee County, Mountain Empire, and Twin County Airports; runway, apron and taxiway extensions, expansions and rehabilitations at Blue Ridge Regional, Lee County, New River Valley and Virginia Tech-Montgomery Executive Airports; and AWOS replacement and rotating beacon relation at Tazewell County Airport. Mr. Franklin’s accomplishments include: a new terminal building at Lawrenceville-Brunswick Municipal Airport; hangar site preparation, clearing and grading at Lake Country Regional and Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional Airports; runway rehabilitation at Emporia-Greenville Regional, Franklin Municipal and Lake Country Regional Airports; and self-fueling equipment at Wakefield Municipal Airport.

The next VAB meeting is August 23 during the annual Virginia Aviation Conference.

The VAB has eight members representing seven regions of the Commonwealth. The Board approves funding requests brought to it by the Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV).

The Virginia Department of Aviation’s (DOAV) vision is to become the standard of excellence among state aviation agencies and make the Virginia aviation system the model air transportation system providing Virginia communities economic development opportunities and convenient access to the National air transportation system. DOAV’s mission is to cultivate an advanced aviation system that is safe, secure and provides for economic development; promote aviation education and awareness; and provide the safest and most efficient flight services for the Commonwealth leadership and state agencies.

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