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

Richmond—The Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) approved tentative allocations of Commonwealth Airport Funds for Fiscal year 2013 at its meeting on Thursday, February 21 at the Holiday Inn Express Richmond Airport. Approved Air Carrier/Reliever Discretionary funding was \$ 30,280 and General Aviation Discretionary funding was \$232,936. Projects addressed ranged from land acquisition in support of a runway extension in Abington, to a runway localizer relocation in Manassas. Total Commonwealth Airport Fund discretionary funds allocated were \$263,216.

The board also recognized Kenneth A. Rowe, Roger L. Oberndorf and Rear Admiral Dewitt L. Freeman with Resolutions from the Virginia Aviation Board. Ken Rowe was recognized for his dedication to the enhancement of the civil aviation system in the Commonwealth and the national aviation system. He was a model for those whose careers led them to positions of influence and authority in managing and guiding the expansion of the aviation system. Roger Oberndorf was recognized for his hard work and dedication to improving the aviation community through his role as Chairman of the Virginia Aviation Board, aviation advocate and dedicated pilot. Dewitt Freeman was recognized for his dedication to aviation through his service in the U.S. Navy and his volunteer efforts that led to the construction of the Louisa County Airport/Freeman Field.

The next VAB meeting is May 16, location to be determined.

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 continually strives to become the standard of excellence amongst State Aviation Agencies through; its cultivation of an advanced aviation system, a system that is not only safe for consumers, but one that will provide economic development opportunities throughout the Commonwealth; its promotion and education of aviation and aviation related issues, subsequently raising aviation awareness in the Commonwealth and beyond; and by providing executive flight services for the Commonwealth leadership.

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