

Aviation Coalition Council Meeting Notes

Task Force Meeting: June 13, 2006 4:30PM
Greenville Downtown Airport

Attendees: Vardry Ramseur, Gary Jackson, Phil Quist, Jennifer Noel, Kevin Landmesser, Greg Braselton, Joe Frasher, Drew Medlyn, Russell Stall, Brock Koonce

What projects out there are currently being worked on? What's been started? **How can we, as a group, help to get it done?**

What do you want from this group?

A lot has changed since the cluster first started. We might be well served if we attach ourselves onto the statewide movement. The State has grown its interest in Aviation. What about opening it up and latching on to the State? We need to latch onto the state cluster, while remaining regional. Greenville Forward's name may have to be minimized.

We need to meet regionally, but work with State.

On the other hand...

There are no other areas throughout the state that can support the Aviation Cluster. It should be addressed on a regional basis.

We need to reinvigorate the passion with aviation. Focus on economic development part of aviation.

State can't be the driver.

This group needs specific focus for each meeting. If there is a definite mission and purpose for each gathering, more can be accomplished with less time associated to it.

Does this group need to be more encompassing?

What's the end result? Let's not just think regionally, but what does everyone want out of this?

- Somehow tie to ICAR and the research that is being done.
- Composite materials
- Engines

Should we host an Aviation Trade Show?

Look at the Vision. There are items on that list that are currently being done that are noted in the Vision.

- Embry-Riddle is setting up an Aviation school in Greenville.

Drew Medlyn is now spending one-third of his time working on the Aerospace Cluster for the Competitiveness Council.

Dreams

- Start talking about successes. Collect the low hanging fruit.
- Get another Voight in South Carolina. Wherever it is.
- Find a real leader. Current group has lost it's leadership. No emails, no communication.
- Look at the strength of our community. Then, target those industries that can benefit from ICAR.
- Establishing network. Plugging those holes. Identifying and then linking up those networks through the State.
- What about breaking back out into the groups that we had before.
- Meeting at different place each time to help others learn about others.
- Get the group to grow enough that it has some political power/sway across the state.
- We become a global leader in something aviation related.
- Focus and leadership.
- This group should be a tool to attract groups here.
- We need greater involvement from the universities.
- We need a public relations effort for aviation. Let people know about aviation.

Running this group may need to be a full time position.

What is our homework assignment?

- **What do we want out of this, at the end of the day?**
 - * **Everyone to email GF their opinions. GF will present at next meeting.**

Next Meeting: TBD.