

**Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.  
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
South Alabama Regional Airport, Andalusia, AL  
November 15, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Jed Blackwell	Jerry Cofield	Thomas Day	Thomas Hughes
Russ Kilgore	Col. Roosevelt Lewis	Ray Miller	Art Morris
Leslie Williams-Murray	Mike Smith	Todd Storey	Rick Tucker

**Board Members Absent:**

Menzo Driskell, Nikki Jordan, Jeff Powell, Fred Sington, Courtney Tomberlin

**Quorum:**

Present

**Others Present:**

Jim Dover- Albertville Airport Authority, Kim Davis- City of Tuskegee, Michelle Conway- GMC, Ken Gilbert- Neel Schaffer, Misty Jones

**Call to Order:**

President Jed Blackwell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Art Morris gave the invocation.

**Recognition of Guests:**

Jed Blackwell recognized guests; Kim Davis, City of Tuskegee-Macon County Development Authority and Jim Dover, Albertville Airport Authority.

**Consideration of Minutes:**

Mike Smith presented minutes from the October 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Rick Tucker noted as possible future change to the by-laws. Mike Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ray Miller seconded the motion. All members approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Financial Report**

Treasurer Thomas Hughes presented the FS for October 2017. Misty Jones stated that invoices for membership dues would be sent on December 1, 2017. Roosevelt Lewis made a motion to approve the FS with a second by Art Morris. All members approved.

**B. Legislative Committee Report:**

Rick Tucker discussed the letter President Jed Blackwell sent to Senator Shelby addressing ACA's top concerns regarding PFC and privatization of ATC. He stated the Washington D.C. trip is tentatively scheduled for the second or third week in March 2018. Rick Tucker stated that he has been asked to serve as the Chairman of U.S. Policy Council for ACI-NA.

**C. Website Committee Report:**

Todd Storey stated the website calendar is still not working properly. He requested information on events occurring around the state so it can be posted on the website. Roosevelt Lewis and Michelle Conway will provide photos they have of events held at the Evergreen Airport.

**D. Membership Report:**

No report.

**E. Academic Relations Committee Report:**

Jerry Cofield stated that the Academic Relations Committee will meet after the beginning of the year to begin the scholarship application process for 2018. He asked that an insert or letter requesting donations be included with the FY 2018 membership dues invoice being sent out on December 1, 2017. Todd Storey asked that ACA board members contribute \$100.00 each if possible. Jerry Cofield stated that scholarship donations will be needed by March 2018. Jed Blackwell stated that the Scholarship Foundation would not be completed by the 2018 scholarship award date.

**F. Corporate Liaison Committee Report:**

Ken Gilbert reviewed the exit questionnaires from the conference. Board members discussed the possibility of once again trying break-out sessions for future conferences. Sessions could be separated into issues centered on specific topics related to general aviation and commercial airports.

**President's Report:**

Jed Blackwell made a request to amend the FY 2018 budget. His request was to change conference expenses from \$36,250 to \$49,141 and contract labor from \$25,000 to \$27,400. He also requested to eliminate miscellaneous expenses. Ray Miller made a motion to approve the request with a second by Roosevelt Lewis. All members approved.

**ALDOT Report/Open Discussion/New Business:**

Mrs. Kim Davis with City of Tuskegee briefed the board on the Leonardo/DRS T-100 jet trainer project. Should Tuskegee win the bid, 750 new high-wage jobs will be created with up to 4,000 jobs resulting from the required suppliers. The competition for Leonardo/DRS is Lockheed/Korean Airlines and Boeing/SAAB. The bid is scheduled to be awarded in March 2018. President Blackwell requested that the board support writing a resolution in support of Tuskegee for the T-100 project. A letter will also be sent to the Congressional delegation. Ray Miller made a motion to approve resolution with a second by Art Morris. All members approved.

**Date/Time for Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Montgomery Regional Airport.**

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:06 a.m. by Rick Tucker with second by Thomas Hughes. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Smith, Secretary

1/31/18

Date