

**AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD ROOM  
January 17, 2007  
MINUTES**

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, January 17, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Montgomery Airport Authority. Those members and guests present were:

President:	Phil B. Perry
Vice President	Russ Kilgore
Secretary:	Rick Tucker
Treasurer:	Art Morris (at 10:25 a.m.)
Past President	Bill Hutto (at 10:18 a.m.)
Members:	Wayne Cameron Terry Capps Col. Ro Lewis Buzz Sawyer
Executive Director:	Stephanie Blankenship

Members Absent:

	Menzo Driskell Ray Miller Fred Sington
AL Aero Director:	Dr. John Eagerton

President Perry called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on December 18, 2006. Motion for approval of the minutes, with the correction of the attendance roster (members Menzo Driskell and Kent Kelly were absent) was made by Vice President Russ Kilgore and seconded by Member Wayne Cameron, the vote was unanimous for approval of the December 18, 2006 minutes.

President Perry noted that in the absence of Treasurer Art Morris the board would review the balance sheet and profit and lost statements as provided. Stephanie Blankenship noted that the reports were basically self explanatory. Following discussion, it was reiterated that the Board would like to have the reports set up to show a "year-to-date format" and to also incorporate the adopted budget into the monthly financial reports as soon as possible. A motion was made by board member Terry Capps, seconded by board member Ro Lewis to accept the January Treasurer's report as reviewed; the vote was unanimous for approval of the January Treasurer's report.

President Perry stated that there were no representatives from the ALDOT Aeronautics Bureau attending the meeting. Vice President Russ Kilgore stated that there are still problems with ALDOT's new procedures for grant payments of state and federal monies. He noted that the Aeronautics Bureau staff was not notifying an airport of a problem with a submission in a timely manner so that the problem could be corrected in time to be paid

on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and that most of the small airports could not afford to wait another 30 days before payment. Following discussion, Vice President Kilgore agreed to speak to Dr. Eagerton as soon as possible about the unresolved issues relating to grant payments. Following discussion regarding the Department of Agriculture and Industries inspections of airport refueling systems, the Board asked Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship to survey the state's airports to determine which airports had been shut down following an inspection of their refueling system and the reasons stated for the shutdown.

President Perry stated that a Legislative Day Luncheon had been scheduled for April 4, 2007 beginning at 12 Noon at the RSA Activity Center for members of the Alabama Legislature as well as key state officials. Legislative Committee members Ray Miller, Bill Hutto and Fred Sington will finalize the details for the buffet luncheon prior to the February meeting. Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship will visit the RSA Activity Center after today's meeting to review details for the event. Following discussion regarding tall structure legislation, Rick Tucker offered the services of attorney Al Jimmerson to review the latest version of the legislation and make any recommendations for change prior to the upcoming legislative session. Bill Hutto will continue efforts to secure a bi-partisan legislator to introduce the legislation for the next session. The Board also discussed the need to follow closely any eminent domain legislation.

President Perry called on Treasurer Art Morris for an update to the Treasurer's Report which had been reviewed and approved prior to his arrival at the meeting. Treasurer Morris reported that he had purchased the directors and officer's liability insurance which exceeded the authorized amount of \$1,150 by \$100. He noted that President Phil Perry authorized the additional \$100 expenditure. Treasurer Morris stated he also negotiated to purchase an employee dishonesty bond policy for a three-year term for \$1,200. The employee dishonesty bond will protect the executive director as well as the officers of the association who are authorized to sign checks on behalf of the association. A motion was made by member Bill Hutto; seconded by Vice President Russ Kilgore to authorize the purchase of an employee dishonesty bond policy for a three-year term at \$1,200 as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Member Ro Lewis and Vice President Russ Kilgore provided an update regarding a conflict with the Alabama State Parks Division in reference to seaplanes landing on state park lakes in southern Alabama. Following discussion, it was decided the association would monitor the situation.

Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship presented her report. Plans are well underway for the 2007 Airport Conference to be held in Birmingham. She is working with ALDOT to define categories for awards to be presented by the association to member airports which will be reflective of the general aviation airports throughout the state. She also reported that the association will present a plaque to the Montgomery Airport at the 2007 conference in appreciation for hosting the reception at the 2006 airport conference as well as one to the Birmingham Airport for hosting the reception at this year's conference. The Nominating Committee should be prepared to present their recommended slate for

officers and directors at the February Aviation Council Board of Directors meeting so that it can be mailed to the general membership at least 30 days prior to the conference where the vote will take place.

There was general discussion regarding updating the appearance as well as the content of the website for the Aviation Council of Alabama. There was general agreement that it would be good to update the website every 18 months or so to keep it fresh for visitors. It was decided that any recommendations for changes and/or additions should be sent to Art Morris.

Past President Bill Hutto asked the Board to consider allowing aviation students to participate in the 2007 Airport Conference at a reduced fee. Following discussion, member Ro Lewis moved that students be allowed to attend the 2007 Airport Conference for a reduced fee of \$5.00 for conference general sessions with an additional cost to participate in meal events, and seconded by Vice President Russ Kilgore. Following discussion, the motion was amended to allow the students to participate in the conference general sessions without any fee and meal events for cost. The vote for the amended motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of the Aviation Council of Alabama is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Montgomery Regional Airport.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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