

Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Mobile Airport Authority
Mobile, Alabama

Present

Rick Tucker
Buzz Sawyer
Russ Kilgore
Art Morris III
Fred Sington
Wayne Cameron
Roosevelt J. Lewis
Ray Miller
Phil Perry
Menzo W. Driskell
Stephanie Blankenship

Absent

Terry Capps
William Hutto, Jr.
Kent R. Kelly

Guest

Dr. John C. Eagerton IV, Aeronautics Bureau
William B. Sisson, Executive Director, MAA
Bobby Odom, Volkert
Thomas Hughes, Mobile Airport Authority

Meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by President, Rick Tucker.

Fred Sington made a motion to approve the November 12, 2008 minutes as read with Wayne Cameron providing a second. Motion passed.

Treasure's Report was given by Art Morris. The balance sheets as of December 31, 2008 and January 20, 2009 and budget for June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009 were presented. It was noted that supplies were somewhat over budget and after some discussion concerning the lobbying trip to Washington D.C. Russ Kilgore made a motion to accept the December 31, 2008 and January 20, 2009 balance sheets and the June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009 budget. Ro Lewis provided the second. Motion was approved.

President Tucker instructed Ms. Blankenship to get information out regarding the Washington trip and ACI.

Dr Eagerton reported that there would be approximately \$3 million in stimulus funding for airports for runway paving, paving expansion projects and for projects where the design work has already been done. He also stated that Rans Black, FAA Airports District Office, has requested \$200 million for his district and that any shovel ready project with the design on the shelf should be submitted. And, if you had a designed project already at FAA you should be good to go.

Old Business

Airport Airspace Safety Act - Fred Sington stated that he and Ray Miller had met with Senator Bedford.

Additionally, Ms. Blankenship will meet with Department of Agriculture and Industries Deputy Commissioner Glen Zorn with in the next few weeks.

February Work Shop – Ms. Blankenship stated that she needed topics and speakers for the Workshop. President Tucker reminded the Board that Charles McDonald should be included on the agenda and had agreed to speak. Dr. Eagerton told the Board that he would like to have Rans Black speak about the stimulus package. President Tucker stated that there should be someone to cover State and Federal issues.

Ms. Blankenship has the cost for the workshop projected at \$3,735.89.

After some discussion motion was made by Fred Sington to change the time of the Workshop from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and fix the cost of attending the Workshop at \$40.00 and the cost to attend the Legislative Reception at \$50.00 or \$80.00 for both. Russ Kilgore provided the second and, motion was approved.

Lobbying trip to Washington D.C. Rick Tucker stated that ACA has board members from each of the States congressional districts. He also requested Board Members to provide input as to what the issues are. Some of the topics he mentioned were AOPA, GAMA and NATA. He will have a draft of the Washington D.C. agenda at the February 25th meeting. One item will be AAAE federal agency NPRM large Airport Security Program. Also, GA entitlement funding. Should it stay at \$150,000 or increase? ACA should have a stated position. President Tucker will have a draft at the February meeting of the white paper he is preparing stating the Aviation Councils positions that will be given to the Congressional Delegation. He requested Board Members to let Ms. Blankenship know if they were planning to travel to Washington.

Mr. Tucker set the February 26, 2009 Board Meeting for 9:00 am at the Montgomery Regional Airport.

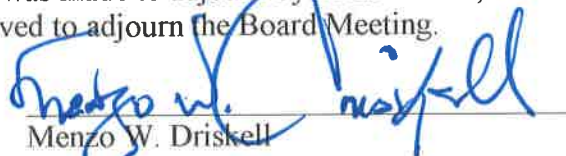
New Business – Rick Tucker appointed the following to serve on the Nomination Committee, Russ Kilgore Chairman, Phil Perry, Ray Miller and Roosevelt Lewis.

Executive Directors Report - Ms. Blankenship requested the Boards permission to attend the League of Municipalities Conference May 3 and 4, 2009. Art Morris made the motion with Roosevelt Lewis providing a second. Motion passed.

After some discussion motion was made by Fred Sington to authorize Ms. Blankenship to spend up to \$2,500. to purchase “giveaways” for the League of Municipalities Conference. Russ Kilgore made the second. Motion passed.

Ms. Blankenship will mail the Workshop packets out now and the ACA Conferences packets later to avoid confusion.

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn by Rick Tucker, seconded by Russ Kilgore and unanimously approved to adjourn the Board Meeting.


Menzo W. Driskell
Secretary