

AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTGOMERY AIRPORT BOARD ROOM
February 15, 2006
MINUTES

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, February 15, 2006 beginning at 10:30 AM in the Board Room of the Montgomery Airport Authority. Those members & guests present were:

President:	William T. Hutto, Jr.
Past Pres:	Ro Lewis
Member:	Menzo Driskell
Member:	Fred Sington
Member:	Kent Kelly
Member:	Rick Tucker
Member :	Art Morris
Secretary:	Russ Kilgore
Exec Director:	Stephanie Blakenship
Aero. Director	Dr. John Eagerton

Members Absent:

Member:	Ray Miller
Member:	Wayne Cameron
Member:	Luanne Hayes
Member:	Daniel Boone

President Hutto noted that a quorum was present for the business of The Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors and called the meeting to order, whereupon, Member Phil Perry made a motion to defer the January Meeting Minutes until the March Meeting. The Motion was seconded by Member Menzo Driskell. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Treasurer Art Morris reported the bank balance stood at \$44,126.68. Member Fred Sington made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Member Ro Lewis. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Dr. John Eagerton presented a report from the ALDOT-Aeronautics Bureau. There was considerable discussion concerning SB-466 and HB-622 relating that the power of "Eminent Domain" may not be used in certain situations. One section which pertains to airports and airport authorities, (p-8; lines 5-10) indicates the removal of any eminent domain from airports except Class 1 municipalities (BHM). If passed in its current language would be a very serious situation for all other airports in the State. The Aeronautics Bureau and Dr. Eagerton, joined by others around the State have been in contact with the committees in both the House and Senate asking for changes to the bill which would protect airports within The State of Alabama. Russ Kilgore made a motion for the Aviation Council to draft a resolution to be sent to all State Legislators and members of the Council to voice concerns about the Bill providing recommended solutions. Dr. Eagerton stated that the language within the resolution will be drafted by the Aeronautics Bureau. The motion was seconded by Member Rick Tucker. The vote was unanimous for approval. President Hutto encouraged all Board Members to contact their area State Representatives to voice concerns relating to the bill. The resolution and cover letter from President Hutto will be sent by the end of the week. Member Ro Lewis will draft a letter to the editor to be placed in statewide newspapers stating the Aviation Council's position.

President Hutto reported that the "Height Legislation" has been introduced in the Legislature and has been assigned to committees. A meeting relating to the legislative package should take place within the next couple of weeks;

President Hutto also reported that the "Legislative Day" at the Capital is set for March 9, 2006. Members of The Council Board of Directors will meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 8:AM for breakfast and then go over to the Capitol as a group and meet with the Legislators. Member Luanne Hayes has gotten the gifts and all material

needed to be passed out. The March Meeting will be held at 12:00 following the Legislative visits. Member Phil Perry will make arrangements for lunch. An E-Mail will be sent with the final details.

President Hutto reported that the nominating committee is at work and looking at the term limits for Board of Directors. The committee will present a new slate of officers and recommendations for term limits at the March meeting. That will give time for the recommendations to be presented to the general membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting to be held in conjunction with the annual conference in April.

Executive Director Stephanie Blakenship presented a proposed agenda for the annual conference along with forms for registration, exhibitors and sponsors. Suggestions for speakers were given and all agreed that the agenda was acceptable. The registration packets will be sent out by the end of February.

Executive Director Stephanie Blakenship reported on several items:

The League of Municipalities Conference is scheduled for May 6 – 9, 2006 in Mobile. Exhibitor registration is \$900.00, expenses for the Executive Director for attendance would be about \$340.00. Member Ro Lewis made a motion to proceed with the registration of the Aviation Council and the Executive Directors expenses to have an exhibitor's booth at the Leagues conference. The motion was seconded by Member Fred Sington. The vote was unanimous for approval.

The Post Office Box Rent in the amount of \$132.00 for 12 months was due. A motion to pay the box rent was made by member Art Morris. The motion was seconded by Member Fred Sington. The vote was unanimous for approval.

The Executive Director stated that several promotional items were needed for the Annual ACA Conference as well as the League Conference and other various gatherings throughout the year. A motion to approve up to \$3,000.00 be expended for promotional items was made by Member Fred Sington. The motion was seconded by Member Art Morris. The vote was unanimous for approval.

The Executive Director asked the Board of Directors to consider a vehicle travel allowance for her Aviation Council duties. A motion to approve the payment for vehicle mileage at the current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate was made by Member Russ Kilgore. The motion was seconded by Member Fred Sington. The vote was unanimous for approval.

The Executive Director also brought to the attention of the Board that the exhibit used in various locations throughout the State needed to be updated prior to the Annual Conference. A accost for the upgrade will be given at the March meeting.

President Hutto reported to the Board that Auto Pilot Magazine had asked for an exhibit space at the Annual Conference at no cost to the magazine. Due to the fact that the magazine is doing a spread about the Aviation Council of Alabama in an upcoming issue, Member Fred Sington made a motion to give them an "in-kind swap" for exhibit space. The motion was seconded by Member Ro Lewis. The vote was unanimous for approval.

It was reported that the Executive Director will again be a guest on the Troy Public Radio to promote the Annual Conference.

Member Russ Kilgore reported that he had just completed a meeting of the State of Alabama Homeland Security Task Force prior to the meeting of the Board. The Homeland Security Department will submit a grant request form the Federal Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$31 Million for 2006.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Board of Directors of the Aviation Council of Alabama, Member Ro Lewis moved to adjourn. The vote for adjournment was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted

Russ Kilgore
Secretary