

Minutes Regular Board Meeting Aviation Council of Alabama

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 18, 2005, at the Northwest Regional Airport in Muscle Shoals. Board members present were Colonel Roosevelt Lewis, President; Mr. Bill Hutto, A.A.E., Vice President; Mr. John Lehrter, Immediate Past President; and Mr. Ray Miller.

Col. Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Col. Lewis then declared a quorum is not present.

Minutes

The minutes from the December meeting will be considered at the March meeting.

President's Report

Senator Shelby – President Lewis announced that Senator Shelby may be vacating the Chairmanship of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. He said this could have a negative impact of federal funding for Alabama Airports and recommends that the ACA Board monitor the situation closely.

State Funding Legislation – President Lewis has been informed by several legislators that this is not a good year to pursue new funding legislation. This confirms the Board's decision in the fall not to pursue new legislation this session.

Airport Crime – President Lewis stated someone broke the back window out of a 182 in Tuskegee. The perpetrator attempted to hotwire the airplane. Law enforcement officials believe the person is a mechanic. President Lewis asks that Board members help "spread the word" so others will be aware of the incident.

Tuskegee Airmen Groundbreaking – The National Park Service will break ground on the first phase of the Tuskegee Airmen facilities on February 24th. President Lewis invites all Board members to attend.

Financial Report

Due to Mr. Sharp's absence, the financial report was deferred.

Aeronautics Bureau Update

No report. Dr. Eagerton was not able to attend the meeting.

Old Business

Legislative Committee – President Lewis has been making regular contacts with state legislators to establish and maintain relationships.

Membership Committee – No report. Luann was not able to attend the meeting.

Homeland Security – No report. Mr. Kilgore was not able to attend the meeting.

Height Legislation – Mr. Lehrter passed out copies of the Muscle Shoals height ordinance. Mr. Hutto stated that Florida has a state law that comes into affect if a local ordinance is not in place to protect an airport from obstructions. The Board members in attendance agree that this is an important issue for the full Board to consider in conjunction with the Aeronautics Bureau.

New Business

Conference Committee – Ms. Blakenship was not able to attend this meeting, but she is attempting to schedule a committee meeting soon in Montgomery.

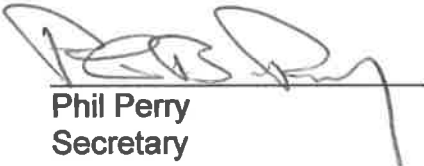
Nominating Committee – Mr. Lehrter stated that some attention should be given to the composition of the future Board. President Lewis said that this will be a topic discussed at next month's Board meeting.

Webpage – President Lewis announced that the website is now operational.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in the offices of the Montgomery Airport Authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Colonel Roosevelt Lewis
President



Phil Perry
Secretary