

**AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD ROOM
February 21, 2007
MINUTES**

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, February 21, 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
Secretary:	Rick Tucker
Treasurer:	Art Morris
Members:	Terry Capps Col. Ro Lewis Buzz Sawyer Fred Sington Kent Kelly Ray Miller (at 10:15) Menzo Driskell (at 10:40 a.m.)
Executive Director:	Stephanie Blankenship
AL Aero Director:	Dr. John Eagerton

Members Absent:

Vice President	Russ Kilgore
Past President	Bill Hutto (at 10:18 a.m.) Wayne Cameron

President Perry called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of January 17, 2007. Motion for approval of the minutes was made by board member Fred Sington and seconded by Secretary Rick Tucker; the vote was unanimous for approval of the January 17, 2007 minutes.

President Perry called for the Treasurer's Report for February 2007. Treasurer Art Morris reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement noting that it now has a budget next to it. He also reviewed the February Financial Report. A motion was made by board member Ray Miller, seconded by board member Fred Sington, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; the vote was unanimous for approval of the February 2007 Treasurer's report.

President Perry called for the ALDOT report from Dr. John Eagerton. Topics discussed were NASAO, FAA Reauthorization, Tall Towers, Eminent Domain, Automotive Gas Tax Increase, Transportation Infrastructure Commission (reference tax increase proposal), Update of Airport System Plan for Alabama.

President Perry called for discussion of Old Business. He called on member Fred Sington to report on Legislative Day. Fred Sington reported that after reviewing the calendar for a date to schedule a breakfast or luncheon for the Alabama Legislative

Delegation, the only dates open were in May. Mr. Sington noted it was his opinion that to host such an event so late in the legislative session would not be beneficial to the Aviation Council in seeking support on legislative issues. He proposed the Board consider preparing a letter containing the Aviation Council's positions on key legislative issues to send to the members of the Alabama Legislature. He also suggested the Council send some type of small gift to each legislator. Member Ray Miller suggested the Board look to the 2008 Legislative Session to select a date very early to host an evening event which would draw a much larger percentage of participation by the Legislative Delegation. Following discussion, a motion was made by member Ray Miller to prepare a letter to the Alabama Legislative Delegation containing the Aviation Council's positions on key legislative issues. Seconded by Member Ro Lewis, the motion passed unanimously.

President Perry reviewed the Nominating Committee Report as presented with the proposed slate of officers: Russ Kilgore – President; Rick Tucker – Vice President; Fred Sington – Secretary; and Art Morris – Treasurer. A motion was made by member Ray Miller to approve the proposed slate of officers as presented, seconded by Member Menzo Driscoll, the said motion passed unanimously.

President Perry called for discussion of new business. There being no new business, President Perry called on Stephanie Blankenship for the Executive Directors Report. Stephanie Blankenship reported that the cost to exhibit at the League of Municipalities Conference scheduled for April 22-23rd would be \$900 and asked whether the Board would authorize the expenditure. A motion was made by member Ray Miller to approve the expenditure of \$900 to exhibit at the League of Municipalities Conference in April 2007, seconded by member Ro Lewis, said motion passed unanimously. Ms. Blankenship gave an update on the upcoming Alabama Airport Conference to be held in April and noted that response from participants, potential sponsors and exhibitors has been good.

The next meeting of the Board of the Aviation Council of Alabama is scheduled for: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at the Montgomery Airport Authority at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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