

Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 6, 2009  
Renaissance Riverview Plaza  
Mobile, Alabama

**Present**

Rick Tucker  
Art Morris III  
Phil Perry  
Russ Kilgore  
Fred Sington  
Terry Capps  
Roosevelt J. Lewis  
Ray Miller  
Menzo W. Driskell  
Stephanie Blankenship

**Absent**

Wayne Cameron  
Buzz Sawyer  
William Hutto, Jr.  
Kent R. Kelly

**Guest**

Steve Hadley, NBAA  
Charles McDonald  
Al Jimmerson

Meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by President, Rick Tucker.

Ray Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2009 and the March 18, 2009 meetings as read. Fred Sington provided a second. Motion passed.

Treasure's Report was given by Art Morris. The budget for June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009 was presented. Mr. Morris noted that we would probably not make budget on sponsor fees. Ray Miller questioned the Workshop expenses. Ms. Blankenship explained that the legislative reception ran the cost over because it was not in the original budget. Ro Lewis made a motion to accept the June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2009 budget as presented. Phil Perry provided the second. Russ Kilgore asked if the Council would be able to add to the surplus. Art Morris answered yes but, not as much as in years past. Mr. Kilgore suggested that the Council might want to look at increasing Conference fees for next year to increase revenue. Motion passed.

Executive Director, Stephanie Blankenship updated the Board on Conference expenses by providing members with a printed report. She projected a profit of a little less than \$10,000. Ms. Blankenship requested Board members who would be introducing speakers during the Conference promote the sponsors and exhibitors and to mention that the Headland Jazz Band would be playing during the reception Wednesday night.

Russ Kilgore introduced Steve Hadley, Southwest Regional Representative for NBAA. Mr. Hadley passed out information on Federal Security, TSA "Playbook" random checks. He stated that recently TSA has boarded private aircraft performing random searches and checks. He told the Board that airports security plans can state that there will be no

firearms at the airport or allow for firearms for hunting such as hunting rifles and shotguns. But, you would not be allowed to walk around with the weapons in site.

Charles McDonald reported on his progress with the Alabama Airports Airspace Safety Act. He advised that a public hearing is scheduled for next Monday at 9:00 am. The press will be present to cover it. Also, the Board needs to decide who will attend. The ACA must give the members of the Commerce Committee a good reason for voting for the Act.

Mr. McDonald further stated, he, members of the Council and Mr. Immersion had a good meeting with opponents of the Bill. Also, the Bill's sponsor, Rep. Charles Newton of Greenville, has "taken ownership" of the Bill and in the Senate, Senator Hinton Mitchell was doing a good job. Mr. McDonald feels we have very good reasons for asking for the Bill to be passed but, with food tax, gambling issues and other matters going on in the State, everything has slowed down and this could hurt the Bill's chances of passing. Again, Mr. McDonald reminded the members of the public hearing Monday, April 13, 2009 at 9:00 am in room 621 at the Alabama State House. He stated that every Board member should attend along with Frank Farmer, ALDOT, Attorney Al Jimmerson and himself. He requested everyone to be there by 8:30 due to limited seating.

After some discussion, it was decided that Attorney Jimmerson would speak first followed by Frank Farmer and Mr. McDonald would try to get rebuttal time.

Mr. McDonald advised everyone that a second meeting was scheduled in Room 621 for April 15, 2009 at 9:00 am and that a vote would be taken by the Commerce Committee on the Bill at that time. He urged all Board members to attend.

Mr. Jimmerson suggested a hand-out that would include a map showing all airports that are supporting the Bill and the white paper explaining the Airspace Safety Act should be available for distribution to committee members.

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn by Ray Miller, seconded by Ro Lewis and unanimously approved to adjourn the Board Meeting.

  
Menzo W. Driskell  
Secretary