

AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA

Meeting April 18, 2012

Montgomery Airport

Art Morris call the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Members Present:

Terry Capps Jerry Cofield Menzo Driskell Art Morris Bill Hutto Russ Kilgore Rick Tucker Phil Perry Stephanie Blankenship Buzz Sawyer Kevin Vanderburg Bill Sission Wayne Cameron Fred Sington

Members Absent:

Luanne Hayes Billy Singleton Ro Lewis

Motion to approve minutes of March, 2012:

Motion- Ray Miller / Second- Fred Sington

Motion to approve treasurer's report:

Motion-Buzz Sawyer / Second- Fred Sington

Old Business:

Alabama Sectional Chart was discussed. ALDOT will not do a 50% match with a grant. Motion-Fred Sington / Second-Russ Kilgore to print 25,000 copies to stay within the amount budgeted. Motion passed. Motion-Russ Kilgore / Second- Fred Sington that the printing, lay-out and shipping not to exceed \$8,000.00. Motion passed. The ALDOT and ACA logo will both be in the sectional. All copies will be sent to the ACA.

HB 602 was discussed. This bill sponsored by Mac McCutcheon will amend the Alabama Terminal Excise Tax Act which becomes effective October 1, 2012, to eliminate the refund of taxes paid by licensed air carriers with a hub operation in the state. In addition, the bill establishes the State Aviation Trust Fund to be administered by the DOT. The bill also indicates the pro rata share between the air carrier airports and the general aviation airports.

New Business:

The Council discussed the fact that we should let all our member airports know about certain bills that are before the Legislature and how it would affect aviation in Alabama. We could do this through our web site, newsletter or other ways.

HB-602 was once again discussed. If the bill passes the council would like to work with John and the Aeronautics Department on distribution of proceeds that would be fair to GA as well as "air carrier" airports.

The Council discussed the funds that the Aeronautics receives. The ACA is in favor of any and all funds that are received but would like to know where the funds come from and what amount it receives.

No ALDOT Report

No President's Report

Stephanie reported that for the first time the Workshop and Legislative Reception was at a break even point after all bills were paid.

Motion-Ray Miller / Second-Fred Sington to send Stephanie to the AAAE conference in Georgia. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be at the Montgomery Airport on Wednesday May 16th at 9:00 AM.

Art said he would host the June meeting in Dothan.
Bill said he would host the August meeting in Mobile.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion- Ray Miller Second- Terry Capps Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry M. Capps