

**Minutes  
Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc  
Board Meeting  
Montgomery, Al  
April 20. 2011  
10:00am**

**Members Present:**

Menzo Driskell  
Stephanie Blankenship  
Terry Capps  
Wayne Cameron  
Dr. John Eagerton  
Phil Perry  
Ray Miller  
Fred Sington  
Bill Sisson  
Buzz Sawyer  
Luanne Hayes  
Bill Hutto

**Approval Of 2/16/11 Minutes** – Motion to approve by Fred Sington,  
second by Ray Miller, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Terry Capps presented report. Balance  
\$104,960.38. Ray Miller moved to accept report,  
second by Fred Sington, motion carried.

**Old Business** – None brought forth.

**New Business** – 1. Terry Capps stated that the Alabama Aviation  
Sectional was out of date and needed to be  
republished due to demand. A discussion followed that  
perhaps a joint venture between the State Aeronautics  
Dept. and Alabama Aviation Council could come  
together and have the Sectional published. A  
committee was formed comprised of Fred Sington,  
Buzz Sawyer and Terry Capps to study feasibility of

joint venture.

**2. HB 399** was discussed by Dr. John Eagerton. He stated the bill would change the point where motor fuel taxes are collected. It would reduce points of collection and shift collection to supplier. It would also capture taxes that are not being collected. Furthermore, there were 5 important aspects of the bill that would affect aviation in the State

- a. No fuel tax cap on aviation
- b. Increase Jet fuel tax to 3 ½ cents  
Increase Av gas tax to 9 ½ cents
- c.
- d. Preserve hub exemption for Southwest in B'ham
- e. Preserve Panalpina cargo in Huntsville

**ALDOT's Report** – Dr. Eagerton discussed HB399 and stated that if Congress passes the 90/10 AIP funding split and the State of Alabama passes HB 399 that the Aeronautics Bureau would be able to fund the State's portion at 2 1/2%. BUT, if the State did not pass HB399 it would have to fund at 5%.

**President's Report** – No report given

**Executive Director's Report** –

- a. Discussed Elmore County Industrial Authority's plan to move Airport and problem with those who do not want it moved. A study is being done by the Aeronautics Bureau.
- b. Discussed the new General Aviation Coalition.
- c. Discussed the past Legislative Workshop and how great the sponsorship was to make it a financial success.
- d. Washington DC trip was discussed and how it made an impact to get our points across. Kudo's were given to Rick Tucker and his staff for putting trip together.
- e. Airport Conference – Contracts have been signed.
- f. Contractor's Board – No follow up as of yet.
- g. Special mention of Buzz Sawyer's induction into the

Alabama Aviation Hall of Fame was made, followed by a rousing round of applause from the entire board.

**Next Meeting** – May 18, 2011, 10:00am, at Montgomery Regional Airport.

**Adjourned** – Motion by Ray Miller, Second by Art Morris