

**AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD ROOM
June 21, 2006
MINUTES**

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, June 21, 2006 beginning at 10:40 a.m. in the Board Room of the Montgomery Airport Authority. Those members and guests present were:

President:	Phil B. Perry
Vice President:	Russ Kilgore
Treasurer:	Art Morris
Secretary:	Rick Tucker
Past President:	Bill Hutto
Members:	Wayne Cameron Terry Capps Menzo Driskell Kent Kelly Col. Ro Lewis Ray Miller Fred Sington
Executive Director:	Stephanie Blankenship
AL Aero Director:	Dr. John Eagerton

Members Absent: None

President Perry noted that a quorum was present for the business of The Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors and called the meeting to order, whereupon, President Perry called for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting of May 17, 2006. Motion for approval of the minutes, as presented, was made by Member Ray Miller and seconded by Member Fred Sington. The vote was unanimous for approval.

It was announced that Member Daniel Boone has resigned his position on the Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee, composed of Past President Bill Hutto, Member Ray Miller and Member Col. Ro Lewis, will meet to discuss a replacement for the remainder of his term which expires in 2007.

President Perry called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Art Morris reported that the Council has approximately \$38,000 in the bank account as of June 16, 2006 as outlined in the balance sheet provided at the meeting. Treasurer Morris also reported that efforts are underway to post the balance sheet on the website for access by all the members, as well as development of a P & L Statement on a fiscal year basis. It was noted that the Council fiscal year begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Treasurer Morris indicated that the financial condition of the association is much improved during the last two years and even brighter for the future as we begin to more than break even on conferences. It was noted that these additional funds could be used to, among other things, influence the

legislature on aviation related issues. It was also reported that membership dues statements would be mailed out beginning October 1st. A question was raised as to whether the dues were on a calendar year basis and there was uncertainty in the answer to the question. A motion for the acceptance of the Treasurer's report was made by Vice President Russ Kilgore, seconded by Member Fred Sington, and the vote was unanimous for approval of the report.

Discussion followed concerning the potential development and approval of a budget for FY07. At the conclusion of the discussions, Treasurer Art Morris proposed to produce a draft budget for consideration by the Council Board of Directors and requested the members to provide any suggestions to him or the Executive Director. Several suggestions were provided during the meeting including the possibility of advertising in Auto Pilot Magazine and providing funds for the Council's legislative efforts. It was agreed that the Legislative Committee composed of Member Fred Sington (Chairman), Member Ray Miller, and Past President Bill Hutto provide recommendations to Treasurer Art Morris concerning the most effective way to communicate with and influence the legislature regarding aviation related issues and proposed cost associated with the plan.

President Perry called on Aeronautics Bureau Director, Dr. John Eagerton for his report. Dr. Eagerton referenced a report provided to all the members at the meeting concerning a potential fall workshop regarding the refueling system inspections that are being conducted by the Weights and Measures Division of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. It was agreed that the date of the workshop would be October 11, 2006 and the Council's October Board of Directors meeting would be held on that day with the specific schedules to be determined at a later time. He reported that ALDOT and the Agriculture and Industries staff are now working together to better inform airport operators, consultants and fuel equipment suppliers about their requirements, signage and what they are looking for in these inspections. He noted, for example, that they recently learned that some of the newest refueling equipment that has been purchased and installed (with federal and state grant money) will not meet the required specifications for accuracy and calibration. A location for the proposed workshop would possibly be the Beard Building next door to the coliseum. Other suggested topics for the workshop were: 1) emergency response, 2) security update for cargo, 3) GA/corporate and fractional ownership, 4) legislative update for tall structures and eminent domain, 5) draft advisory circular: standards for airport markings (President Perry indicated that he would send some information to the Board Members on this topic) and 6) FAA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding Part 77. Dr. Eagerton indicated that he would send some appropriate materials concerning the proposed NPRM to Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship for distribution. In addition Dr. Eagerton indicated comments could be submitted to the FAA through September 11, 2006 and requested the Board to share any comments or suggestions, especially examples of negative impacts to specific airports in the state. Finally, Dr. Eagerton indicated they were beginning to issues grants for airport improvement projects.

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President Perry called for any new business to be brought before the Board. No other new business other than the fall workshop previously mentioned was brought before the board.

President Perry presented his President's Report. President Perry reported that he and Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship were guests on a Troy radio program hosted by Carolyn Hutcheson to discuss aviation related issues in the State of Alabama. He stated that it was an excellent opportunity to educate the general public regarding aviation related matters from the viewpoint of the Aviation Council of Alabama. He also reported they would have the opportunity to return as a guest in July, 2006. President Perry reported on his plans to visit airports throughout the State, including his most recent visit to the Prattville Airport area. He also stated that his goal was that the Aviation Council of Alabama Board would visit all airports in the State, within the year, especially those who are not members of the Association.

Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship presented her report. She reported that a map has been developed with all public use airports indicated which has been used to mark the membership of the Aviation Council. The same map can be utilized to mark airport visits made by Council members in order to keep track of visits in the process of achieving the goal set forth at the annual conference to visit every airport in the state before spring 2007. Ms. Blankenship recommended the Council enter into a contract with the Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park for the 2007 Annual Conference location. The Hilton has agreed to rent the meeting space at no cost with the stipulation that the Council spend at least \$10,000 in food and beverage during the event. The proposal was considerably less than other locations. A motion was made by Vice President Russ Kilgore and seconded by Member Col. Ro Lewis to authorize entering into a contract with the Hilton Hotel in Birmingham for the 2007 Annual Conference as presented by Ms. Blankenship. The vote was unanimous for approval. Ms. Blankenship noted that she has had numerous discussions with the Birmingham International Airport and plans are being made at this time concerning their participation in the 2007 Annual Conference. Planning will continue over the next few months with a draft conference schedule to be presented at the September Board meeting. Col. Ro Lewis suggested the Southern Museum of Flight as a possible site for a reception during the conference.

Ms. Blankenship reported that she is negotiating with the Holiday Inn Downtown Huntsville, Marriott Hotels and Resorts, Embassy Suites Hotel and Von Braun Center regarding the 2008 Annual Conference scheduled to be held in Huntsville. She has also made visits with representatives from the Port of Huntsville and Huntsville/Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau and is developing a plan for the 2008 event. She hopes to make a recommendation at the August Board Meeting based on proposals received from the potential sites. She reported that she will be attending the Tennessee Airport Conference, August 17-18, 2006 in Nashville, Tennessee representing the Council. Plans are to develop ideas which will enhance the Alabama airport conferences in the future.

President Perry advised the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Airport Authority Board Room.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Ray Miller, seconded by Member Fred Sington, approval of the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Tucker,
Secretary

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