

Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 21, 2010
Montgomery, Alabama

Present

Fred Sington
Kent Kelly
Phil Perry
Menzo Driskell
Terry Capps
Buzz Sawyer
Russ Kilgore
Roosevelt Lewis
Wayne Cameron
Ray Miller
Art Morris
Stephanie Blankenship

Absent

Rick Tucker
Bill Hutto

President Fred Sington called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Phil Perry made a motion to approve the **minutes** of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Ray Miller. The motion was unanimously approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Terry Capps. The new budget was presented. A motion was made by Ray Miller and seconded by Wayne Cameron to approve the report and the budget as submitted. After a brief discussion concerning budget items the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Blankenship presented the audit review report from McClintock, Nelson and Associates. Phil Perry made a motion to accept the audit review. The motion was seconded by Russ Kilgore. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Nominating Committee

Fred Sington reported that ~~Terry Capps and~~ Kent Kelly will be rotating off of the board. A list of proposed new board members and proposed reappointments were presented as well as the proposed slate of new officers for 2011. Russ Kilgore made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations. Ro Lewis seconded the motion which subsequently passed. Fred Sington commended the Nominating Committee for a job well done!

Legislative Committee Report

There was no report from the Legislative Committee.

Aviation Directory

Stephanie Blankenship reported that she has ordered enough directories to be distributed to all legislators this year and next. Ms. Blankenship presented a proof of the directory to the board for final approval. The consensus of the board was: Great job!

Statewide Aviation Impact Forum

Stephanie Blankenship reported that AIDT is working on the video. There was a discussion of aviation's impact in Alabama.

Miscellaneous Items

Russ Kilgore noted the success of the Jimmy Buffet benefit concert for the Gulf oil spill. Mr. Kilgore also noted that air traffic in Gulf Shores was down by 80% and that accommodation rentals were down by 50% from the same period last year. Wayne Cameron told the board about hosting a stop in the Women's Air Race and the Tuscaloosa Air Show which drew a crowd of approximately 175,000.

New Business

Fred Sington pointed out that in the upcoming Governor's race, Dr. Robert Bentley's platform incorporates, as a primary goal, to enlarge GA airports and Birmingham. It is believed that this is the first time that an Alabama gubernatorial candidate has ever made aviation a part of his platform. Russ Kilgore wanted to get the board member's views on inviting both gubernatorial candidates to speak for 15 minutes each at the convention. A general discussion followed. Fred Sington will write a letter to both candidates and invite them to speak. Mr. Sington also advised the board that he would try to meet with Senator Roger Bedford to discuss aviation in Alabama at some point in the near future. There was a discussion of the new requirements for paving contractors in Alabama. Russ Kilgore wanted to know if anyone could speculate as to who the new Speaker of the House might be. No one could speculate at this time.

ALDOT

There was no report from ALDOT this month.

President's Report

President Sington mentioned that when the Aviation Safety Bill passed, it had inherent weaknesses in it and is not exactly what everyone wanted. There was a brief discussion of what Aeronautics is working on to implement and strengthen the bill.

Executive Director's Report

ACA Conference – Stephanie Blankenship provided highlights and a preview of the conference. Ms. Blankenship reported that we had \$30,000 in sponsorships last year and we are up to \$42,000 so far this year. We still do not yet have anything to give away for the drawing. The grand prize will be valued at less than \$1,000. Ms. Blankenship recommended that portfolios be purchased to give to speakers and board members. Phill Perry made a motion to purchase the portfolios. Menzo Driskell seconded the motion which subsequently passed.

The annual workshop is scheduled for the first Tuesday in February.

Other Business

July 21st, being the birth date of Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship, a birthday cake was presented to her and a joyful, if not melodious, rendition "Happy Birthday" was sung by the board.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 18th in Selma.

Ray Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ro Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40.



Art Morris III
Secretary