

# **Minutes**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

### **Aviation Council of Alabama**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 14, 2004, at the Montgomery Regional Airport. Board members present were Mr. John Lehrter, A.A.E., President; Mr. Tom Sharp, Treasurer; Mr. William Hutto, A.A.E., Secretary; Ms. Betty Meyer, Acting Executive Director; Luanne Hayes; Mr. Kent Kelly; Mr. Russ Kilgore; Mr. Bill Parker; and Mr. Phil Perry. Others in attendance were Ms. Stephanie Blankenship, Airport Manager, Headland Municipal Airport, and Ms. Robin Jones, Padgett Business Services of Huntsville.

President John Lehrter, A.A.E., called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

President Lehrter then declared a quorum.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes from the December 10, 2003, regular Board of Directors meeting were considered. Mr. Sharp motioned for approval; seconded by Ms. Meyer. All voted aye.

#### **Financial Report**

Mr. Tom Sharp presented the financial reports for December, 2003 (copy attached). Ms. Hayes motioned for approval of the financial report; seconded by Mr. Kilgore. All voted aye.

#### **Special Report**

Mr. Joe McInnes, Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), and Dr. John Eagerton, Director of the Aeronautics Bureau, were invited to the Board meeting but were not able to attend. Mr. Kilgore stated that having positive relations with ALDOT and the Aeronautics Bureau is important. A discussion on the subject ensued. After some discussion on the proper motion, Mr. Kilgore motioned to rescind the action by the Board of Directors on July 8, 2003, of joining pending legal action regarding the Madison County Executive Airport Authority; seconded by Mr. Kelly. All voted aye. Too, by Board

consensus, President Lehrter will state in the letter to Mr. McInnes that representatives of the Board wish to meet with Dr. Eagerton and him.

### **Old Business**

**ACA Annual Conference** – The conference registration forms will be mailed within the next week. Ms. Meyer said that vendor interest has been good to date. In addition, she reviewed the tentative agenda.

**Legislative Committee** – Mr. Kilgore said that the Board should endeavor to provide input into any ALDOT initiatives.

**Channeling Committee** – Colonel Lewis said that Dr. John Eagerton, in a recent meeting, informed him that recommendations to the channeling procedures have been submitted to Mr. Joe McInnes. Colonel Lewis suggested that the Board write a letter to Mr. McInnes requesting input on the recommended changes. He also recommended that invitations to the next Board meeting be extended to Mr. McInnes and Dr. Eagerton. Mr. Sharp also suggested that the Board should request input on any proposals for funding proposed by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

**Membership Committee** – Ms. Hayes announced that Mr. Kelly and she are attempting to purge lists in an effort to produce a single, consolidated list. After much discussion, Mr. Sharp offered to send a letter to airports that have not joined the Council. Board members will then be asked to make follow up phone calls to these airports.

**Nominating Committee** – No report at this time.

**Alabama Homeland Security Task Force** – Mr. Kilgore stated that one organizational meeting has occurred.

**New Members** – Ms. Meyer read the list of new member applications (copy attached). Ms. Meyer motioned to approve the new members; seconded by Mr. Kilgore. All voted aye.

### **New Business**

**New Board Members** – President Lehrter reminded the Board to be considering replacements for Mr. Jennings and Dr. Alfred. Ms. Meyer stated that she will be leaving the Board as well after the annual conference. The Nominating committee will consider recommendations; Mr. Sharp stated that input from the Board is requested.

**Executive Director's Report**

- Ms. Meyer announced that the website is averaging over 4,000 visitors per month.

**Other Business** – Mr. Kilgore recommended that the Board begin paying for lunch in lieu of the Montgomery Airport Authority. Mr. Perry appreciated the offer but declined; he said having the meetings in Montgomery is ultimately a savings for the airport authority.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be February 11, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. in the offices of the Montgomery Airport Authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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John B. Lehrter, A.A.E.  
President

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William T. Hutto, Jr., A.A.E  
Secretary