

ACA BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2014

Montgomery, Alabama

2:00 PM

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Stephanie Blankenship	Russ Kilgore	Ray Miller
Phil Perry	Jerry Cofield	Todd Storey
Menzo Driskell	Kevin Vandeberg	Ken Gilbert
Col. Roosevelt Lewis	Art Morris III	Bobby Odom
Nikki Jordan	Courtney Tomberlin	

Others Present:

Al Jimmerson, Wilmer and Lee

Minutes

Jerry Cofield called the meeting to order and asked for discussion on the minutes as provided. Jed Blackwell was not in attendance due to the passing of Bill Benton, therefore minutes were not available. Jerry Cofield recognized guest, Al Jimmerson.

Financial Report

Art Morris presented the financial report and reported he intends to establish a more realistic budget for line item 521, Bank Service Charges.

- Ray Miller asked if these fees can be waived; Art Morris clarified these are credit card processing fees and he didn't think they could be waived.
- Ray Miller asked what was in 512, Contract Labor, account. Art Morris explained this was the salary for the Executive Director.
- Motion to adopt report by Ray Miller, seconded by Ro Lewis. Passed unanimously.
- Motion to adjust line item 521 to \$750 by Ray Miller, seconded by Ro Lewis. Passed unanimously.

Legislative Report

No Report

Old Business

A. State Senate Bill 12, State House Bill 152016-4: Alabama Wind Energy Conversion Systems Act 2014 was presented by Jerry Cofield. Ken Gilbert explained there is opposition to the Act by the Audubon Society because of a lack of migratory bird protections and that there may be amendments presented. Al Jimmerson asked if the Bill contained any airport-specific protections. Jerry Cofield suggested we send a representative from the Aviation Council to the 2/5/14 meeting of the Legislature to voice our view supporting the Act.

- Motion to support SB12, HB152016-4: AL Wind Energy Conversion Systems Act 2014 by Art Morris, seconded by Ray Miller. Passed Unanimously.

Todd Storey pointed out this issue not only impacted airports, but also NAVAIDS. Jerry Cofield volunteered to organize attendees for the 2/5/14 meeting.

- B. Jerry Cofield stated that By-Laws would be discussed later in the meeting.
- C. Jerry Cofield stated that a Strategic plan for ACA is forthcoming.
- D. Details of the upcoming Washington legislative trip were discussed.

New Business

- Jerry Cofield reported that Dr. Eagerton will attend the workshop 2/5/14.
- Russ Kilgore expressed that ACA should have some type of aviation coalition within the Alabama House and Senate to represent aviation issues. Russ recommended a meeting with GAAC while in Washington to see how to start this.
- Ro Lewis updated the Board on Hangar 2 at Tuskegee; it will be officially open 2/15/14.
- Ken Gilbert reported he had contacted Betty Meyer (Alabama Aviator) to discuss options to work together. The new Alabama Aviator website is about to come online.

ALDOT Report

No Report

President's Report

- Jerry Cofield expressed concern about membership. He is planning for the President and Executive Director to develop a letter specifically targeted to decision-makers in each airport community.
- Jerry Cofield reported that Albertville Regional is celebrating its 50 year anniversary that will culminate 9/27/14 with an air show.
- Ray Miller (Membership Committee Chairman) requested the current membership list so the committee can proceed.

Executive Director's Report

- Stephanie Blankenship reported that the Workshop agenda is set. Attendance may be down for various reasons (75-80). Legislators are still calling in to RSVP.
- Al Jimmerson recommended calling ADEM to invite to the legislative reception.

By-Laws Revision

- The proposed revisions to the By-Laws were discussed at length.
 - Todd Storey does not think the Board has the capacity to administrate section 3.5 as relates to tracking large number of Acting Voting Members.
 - Jerry Cofield asked what the issue was for tracking this and if the numbers developed by the by-laws committee were quantifiable somehow. Al Jimmerson stated that primary thought process was increasing membership through involvement. Russ Kilgore asked how and when the membership requirements would be implemented. Al Jimmerson thought it could be done by the annual meeting. He distributed a sample "Roster" Excel spreadsheet and sample "Designated Active Voting Members" Word document.
 - Todd Storey discussed section 3.6 and expressed concern that with an increased number of members and the 1/10 of votes entitled to be east (quorum) that there won't be enough members at the Annual Membership Meeting to conduct business wording changed.
 - Todd Storey discussed 5.4 and again expressed concern about 1/10 quorum.
 - Todd Storey discussed 6.1 and political pressure to have political appointees to the Board.
 - Ray Miller discussed the issue that the same airport shouldn't be represented on the Board simultaneously. Kevin Vandeberg stated that the Board is ultimately responsible for nominating qualified board members and this was better done on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the By-Laws.
 - Al Jimmerson stated the language in section 8.1 would be amended.
- Motion to accept By-Laws with discussed changes by Courtney Tomberlin, seconded by Ray Miller. Todd Storey opposed; all others in agreement. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Vandeberg

Secretary, ACA Board of Directors