

**Aviation Council of Alabama
Regular Board Meeting
Montgomery, Alabama
March 19, 2008**

The monthly Board Meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama met in session on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Montgomery Airport, Montgomery, Alabama. Those board members present were:

Present:

Russ Kilgore – President
Rick Tucker- Vice President
Fred Sington, Jr. – Secretary
Art Morris- Treasurer

Wayne Cameron
Ray Miller

Col. Ro Lewis
Stephanie Blankenship

Absent:

Phil Perry
Kent Kelley
Buzz Sawyer

Terry Capps
Menzo Driskell
Bill Hutto

There was no quorum present at the beginning of the meeting therefore; we could not take up business. Later in the meeting Colonel Ro Lewis arrived creating a quorum. The meeting was called to order by President, Russ Kilgore, Ray Miller made a motion to approve the minutes as sent out by the Secretary, Ro Lewis seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Art Morris. Wayne Cameron made a motion to accept the Treasure's Report, Fred Sington seconded and it passed.

President, Russ Kilgore gave The Legislative Report concerning the Air Safety Bill. He explained the problems we were having concerning the Air Safety Act. We experienced problems with some of the lobbyists of Alabama Power and Cellular Telephone Companies. There was a meeting held and it appeared that most of the anxieties were answered, however, it is not guaranteed this Bill will not be opposed if it gets in Committee. Russ Kilgore is trying to take the final steps to be able to get it into Committee and possibly get it on the floor for a vote during this regular session. One problem we will have is getting it on the docket and then getting it through the Senate. Russ has done a fine job trying to see it through with much help from Stephanie Blankenship.

Next, Stephanie gave the Conference report. The Conference will be held on the 16th – 18th of April in Huntsville. The hotel accommodations will be with Embassy Suites,

Holiday Inn Express, headquarters and events will take place at the Von Braun Center South Hall. It seems we have everything in place this year. The speakers are all lined up. We have some excellent speakers, a great party scheduled and hosted by the Huntsville Airport, at the Space Center on Wednesday night. Then George Goldtrap will be coming in Thursday night for the banquet. The annual meeting will also take place with the changing of the officers. The officers will serve from May 1, 2008- April 2009. Stephanie has done an excellent job on all the details of the Conference and we think we will have a great attendance. Incidentally, several states have mentioned sending representatives because they heard so much about last year's Conference.

Next, a Resolution was discussed concerning the Lifetime Contribution to Aviation Award. We discussed in the February meeting about giving the award to Ed Mitchell. After a brief discussion, Ray Miller moved and Ro Lewis seconded that Ed Mitchell be given the Lifetime Contribution to Aviation Award at the Conference this year, it passed unanimously.

Russ Kilgore then reported the Congressional Airport Bill had been extended until June. We have no idea what this will do as far as Grants or monies from the FAA.

There being no other business to discuss a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Meeting duly adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Fred Sington, Jr.
Secretary