

Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 18, 2011
Montgomery, Alabama

Present

Bill Hutto
Buzz Sawyer
Terry Capps
Menzo Driskell
Russ Kilgore
Roosevelt Lewis
Bill Sisson
Kevin Vandenberg
Luanne Hayes
Art Morris
Stephanie Blankenship

Absent

Phil Perry
Wayne Cameron
Ray Miller
Fred Sington
Rick Tucker
Jerry Cofield

President Menzo Driskell called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Roosevelt Lewis made a motion to table the approval of the **minutes** until the next scheduled meeting in order to clarify a point regarding one of the absent board members. Bill Hutto seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Terry Capps. Mr. Capps recommended a review of the CD investments after the annual conference. A motion was made by Russ Kilgore and seconded by Bill Sisson to approve the report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Legislative Committee Report

There was no report.

Alabama Sectional Charts

Terry Capps began a general discussion of the details for the printing of the sectional charts. Russ Kilgore made a motion to revise the current budget to pay for up to 50% of the costs of printing up to 5000 copies of the aeronautical charts with the Department of Aeronautics to pay the remaining 50%. Roosevelt Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. There was some additional discussion regarding the type of photo and design for the cover of the chart. Everyone was asked to bring ideas to the next meeting.

New Business

Roosevelt Lewis made three announcements:

1. The 70th anniversary of the formation of the Tuskegee Airmen will be celebrated in Washington DC in August.
2. There will be an open house in Tuskegee on may 28th.
3. A new book covering every mission flown by the Tuskegee Airmen will be available very soon.

Bill Hutto began a discussion of the NATA proposal concerning FBO public or private ownership. It was decided that the ACA should write a letter in opposition to the proposal. Bill Hutto made a motion to for President Driskell to write the letter. Roosevelt Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Driskell advised the board that he had received a letter from Ralph Bryson who has offered to assist and help the board in any way possible.

President Driskell made a special presentation to board member Buzz Sawyer in commemoration of the honors bestowed on Mr. Sawyer by the Alabama Aviation Hall of Fame.

Executive Director's Report

Stephanie Blankenship will attend the League of Municipalities meeting in June. Ms. Blankenship reported that the photos on the ACA display board have been updated. Ms. Blankenship reported that she is working on the conference and that she needed some volunteers for the conference committee. The members of the conference committee will be Kevin Vandenberg, Terry Capps, Art Morris and Chris Lammans. The dates of the conference will be September 18-21 at the Ross Bridge Resort in Birmingham.

Other Business

Kevin Vandenberg reported that Scottsboro Airport had an emergency generator on the field in the aftermath of the tornados that hit north Alabama in April. As a result of the presence of the generator, they were able to remain open when other airports had to close.

Mr. Vandenberg also reports that the Friends of the Earth have filed lawsuits in California to outlaw all leaded fuel. He warned that this will move across the county and we should be prepared for it.

The next board meeting will be in Dothan on Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00 am.

There being no further business before the board, Bill Hutto made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Terry Capps. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Art Morris III
Vice-President