

AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL AIRPORT, BOARD ROOM

August 2, 2006

MINUTES

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, ~~May 17~~^{Aug 2}, 2006 beginning at 10:40 AM in the Board Room of the Montgomery Airport authority. Those members and guests present were:

President:	Phil B. Perry
Treasurer:	Art Morris
Member:	Fred Sington
Member:	Col. Ro Lewis
Member:	Terry Capps
Member:	Kent Kelly
Past President:	Bill Hutto
Executive Director:	Stephanie Blankenship

Members Absent:

Vice President	Russ Kilgore
Secretary:	Rick Tucker
Member:	Ray Miller
Member:	Wayne Cameron
Member:	Menzo Driskell

President Perry noted that a quorum was present for the business of The Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors and called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

President Perry called for approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2006. Motion for approval of the Minutes, as presented, was made by Member Fred Sington and seconded by Member Col. Ro Lewis. The vote was recorded as unanimous for approval.

President Perry called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer Art Morris reported that the Council has approximately \$36,818 in the checking account as of July 28, 2006. All income and expenses appeared to be normal and necessary for conducting the business of the Aviation council. Motion for approval of the Treasurer's report was made by Terry Capps Kelly and seconded by Kent Kelly. The vote was recorded as unanimous for approval.

Treasurer Art Morris then presented the Board of Directors with a preliminary proposed budget for discussion. During a general discussion of the budget, it was noted that an income item for the annual workshop sponsorship had been left out of the budget as well as an expense item for directors and officers insurance. Treasurer Morris said that these two items would immediately be incorporated into the proposed budget. The Board directed Mr. Morris to gather quotes on directors and officers insurance and to report on his findings at the next scheduled Board meeting.

There was no report from ALDOT this month.

Under the topic of old business, Stephanie Blankenship reported that the Fall Workshop has been moved to October the 10th and the venue will be the Richard Beard Building at 1440 Federal Drive in Montgomery. Ms. Blankenship reported that the present order of events for the workshop is a session on fuel requirements, a session for ALDOT presentations, and a session for

security and safety issues. Ms. Blankenship solicited the Board for additional suggestions. Col. Lewis suggested that it would be a good idea for the Council to send a letter to every airport that received a grant this year to encourage participation in the workshop and that the workshop could have a session addressing safety issues and airport markings. Fred Sington suggested that many airport operators have difficulty understanding the financial reporting requirements from ALDOT and the FAA and that a session to explain the requirements and procedures would be helpful. Bill Hutto reminded everyone that we should also use the workshop to provide members with an update on legislative issues affecting aviation in Alabama. Col. Lewis said that it is important to teach airports the correct process to deal with funding issues and grants. Phil Perry reiterated the need for training in financial reporting. Bill Hutto suggested that it would be a good idea to get an update on hot topics from the ADO and also a session dealing with "how to get funding". Ms. Blankenship said that the signs that had been ordered through ALDOT should be available for pick up at the workshop. There then followed a discussion as to whether members should be charged a nominal fee for the workshop or if the Council should absorb the total cost of the workshop. Terry Capps suggested that members should not be charged but non-members should be charged. Bill Hutto and others suggested that both members and non-members should pay something, but non-members should pay more than members. Fred Sington made a motion to charge everyone \$10 for attending the workshop. After some discussion, Mr. Sington amended his motion to charge members \$10 and non-members \$25 for the workshop. The motion was seconded by Kent Kelly. After further discussion, President Perry called for a vote on the motion before the Board. The vote was 4 in the affirmative and 2 in the negative. The motion carried.

President Perry informed the Board that DayJets wishes to be an exhibitor at the annual conference. Kent Kelly provided a detailed explanation of DayJets and the Eclipse jets that they will be operating. Art Morris suggested that they may wish to provide a forum for the DayJets CEO to speak to the Aviation Council at the annual conference. There followed a general discussion on the new market niche for Very Light Jets (VLJs).

In other business, Ms. Blankenship said that each board member will be assigned 3 to 4 non-member airports to visit over the next few months. She said she would send information sheets to board members to fill out when they make their visits. Ms. Blankenship will be traveling to Huntsville in the next few days to have further discussions on the 2008 conference. She will also attend the Tennessee conference in Nashville.

A discussion took place concerning when it is appropriate for a new potential board member, whose membership status has recently changed, to begin paying airport dues as opposed to individual dues. It was decided that October begins the new membership year and that would be the appropriate time to begin paying the new dues.

Fred Sington began a discussion on the Council's legislative push for this year. Terry Capps suggested having a breakfast for legislators. Mr. Sington said that whatever we decide to do for the legislators, we need to do it very well. Col. Lewis suggested that the Aviation Fact Card should be updated and made available at the legislative reception.

President Perry stated that the next meeting of the Board will be on September 20th.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.