

**Aviation Council of Alabama
Regular Board Meeting
Tri-Cities
September 17, 2008**

The monthly Board Meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama met on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Northwest Regional Airport, Tri-Cities. Those board members present were:

Present:

Russ Kilgore	Phil Perry
Art Morris - Treasurer	Rick Tucker - President
Kent Kelley	Wayne Cameron
Fred Sington – Vice President	

Also Present: Stephanie Blankenship – Executive Director
Matt Hayes – Director of Northwest Regional Airport

Absent:

Menzo Driskell – Secretary	Col. Ro Lewis
Bill Hutto	Ray Miller
Buzz Sawyer	Terry Capps

The meeting was called to order by the President. The minutes were sent out to all the members and after a short discussion Fred Sington moved to accept the minutes, Kent Kelley seconded and it was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Art Morris. He explained the report and gave the balance and also showed where we had CD's. After further discussion Russ Kilgore moved to approve the Treasure's report, Fred Sington seconded, it was approved unanimously.

Dr. Eagerton, who was supposed to be at the meeting was tied up in Montgomery and could not make the meeting so we went immediately to old business.

OLD BUSINESS

The first item was Agriculture and Industries Department; where we were in affect trying to figure out what we were going to do about the strict requirements for pumping gas into airplanes. It was decided that the best thing to do is to try to get a legislative exemption that would exempt all airports from the regulation. Then to talk about getting a moratorium until the legislative process could work. Rick Tucker is to write a letter.

The second piece of business was Stephanie's schedule. Discussed is the percentage of time given to the Aviation Council. Eventually, we need to get the committee to analyze all the actions and where her time is spent and try to come up with a salary that is commensurate with the effort she puts into it.

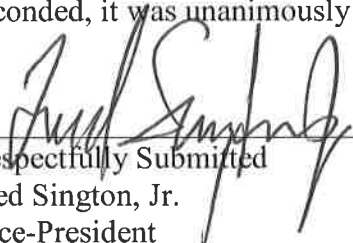
Next, we discussed the strategic plan devised at the Workshop this summer. We tried to prioritize within the plan. Then, we talked about the Workshop. This is usually in November but we decided to change to February. At the same time we will not only have the Workshop but spend the afternoon after the Workshop in the Legislature with a reception that night. The place is to be decided.

The next meeting will be in Albertville, on October 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. That afternoon at 2:00 p.m. will be a meeting of the Conference Planning Committee. The November meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008 in Gulf Shores. Russ Kilgore will host that meeting.

Stephanie gave the Executive Director's Report. She reported that there were four Gold Sponsors for our Conference for next year; which will be in Mobile on April 6th, 7th & 8th at Riverview Hotel. Plans are being made at this time. Fred Sington was asked to get in touch with James Coyne about the possibility of being one of our luncheon speakers. The letter was written and a reply received. Mr. Coyne has agreed to speak at the luncheon on the 7th of April. Arrangements still to be made.

The next question was where the 2010 meeting will be? It was felt that we had been in the North part of the state, we have been in Birmingham, Mobile and now the feeling was that maybe we needed to go back to Montgomery for the 2010 meeting. The question was, when would we have it? There has been some thought given to the fact that we may have it during the summer since the Workshop is so late in the year. This will be decided at a later time and discussed again at the October meeting in Albertville.

There being no other business to discuss Art Morris moved to adjourn, Phil Perry seconded, it was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.


Respectfully Submitted
Fred Sington, Jr.
Vice-President