

**Aviation Council of Alabama
Regular Board Meeting
Andalusia, Alabama
September 19, 2007**

The monthly Board Meeting of the Aviation Council of Alabama met in session on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Andalusia Airport, Andalusia, Alabama. Those board members present were:

Present:

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

Phil Perry	Ro Lewis
Kent Kelley	Buzz Sawyer
Bill Hutto	Russ Kilgore
Ray Miller	John Eagerton
Stephanie Blankenship	

Absent:

Wayne Cameron
Ray Miller
Terry Capps
Menzo Driskell

President Russ Kilgore called the meeting to order then presented the August minutes as submitted by email to all members, which were passed on a motion by Phil Perry, seconded by Col. Ro Lewis, passed unanimously.

President Kilgore called on Art Morris for the Treasurer's Report. A short discussion of the various factors within the financial report were discussed and then on a motion by Fred Sington, seconded by Phil Perry, it was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Stephanie Blankenship discussed our November 7th workshop and the types of subjects that would be discussed; one on a possibility of an insurance program, there will be information on our Legislative program and various other subjects from the FAA and Alabama Aeronautics. The cost is \$25.00 per person that will include lunch, from 10:00-3:00 at the Alabama Activities Center.

Prior to our meeting, we met for an hour with Speaker of the House, Seth Hammett, and discussed our height legislation bill. He suggested we pre-file it immediately and we meet with the various lobbyists or people who might have some objection to the bill and try to

overcome those objections before this session starts in 2008. He also talked to us at length about funding for the Alabama Aeronautics and possible ways to increase the

funding. John Eagerton asked if there was a possibility that some additional monies would be available so that more money could be used for matching funds for projects.

Speaker Hammett emphasized the fact that the general budget was going to be short due to all the demands but that maybe there is a chance to get some more money for the airports if we worked hard and met with the various lobbyists. It was suggested that a small committee be formed to meet with the lobbyists. The committee will consist of Fred Sington, Bill Hutto, and Art Morris. They will attempt to do so before our November meeting.

Stephanie talked about the 2008 Conference coming up in Huntsville in April. It was moved by Art Morris, seconded by Ro Lewis that the Aviation Council be allowed to sign a contract with George Goldtrap to be the speaker at the Thursday night banquet. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Goldtrap is the head of Happy Talk and a well known speaker all over the country and will make an excellent special speaker for our banquet.

NEW BUSINESS

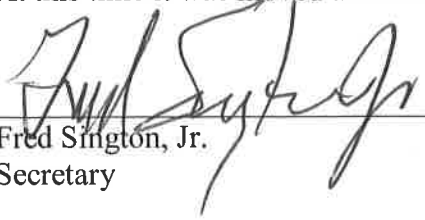
On October 3, 2007, the FAA and ALDOT will have their annual meeting in Montgomery with the engineering consultants that work with all the Alabama Airports. It was suggested that the Aviation Council provide lunch for this meeting. On a motion by Fred Sington, seconded by Rick Tucker, this motion was passed and lunch will be provided at that October 3rd meeting.

As has been previously mentioned, Mobile has joined our association and we have looked at the possibility of having our 2009 Conference in Mobile. Stephanie will get the information to allow us to sign a contract with the new and improved Battlehouse. Sam Jones will be meeting with us and representing Mobile with our association. It was moved by Rick Tucker, seconded by Ro Lewis that the 2009 Conference be held in Mobile. The motion passed unanimously.

We had further discussion as to the Conference in 2008 in Huntsville. Everything is set as far as Embassy Suites, Vaun Braun Center and the South Hall are concerned. The Embassy Suites as well as the Holiday Inn across the street will be the two headquarters motels. Stephanie said she was working with the people in Embassy Suites as far as the food was concerned for the various meetings. We will only serve three meals this year as opposed to five last year. One of the interests this year will be a tour of the Huntsville Airport and the Intermodal system as well as other things of interest. The tour will be held on Thursday in the middle of the day.

Our next meeting will be October 17, 2007 in Montgomery at the Montgomery Airport, in Phil Perry's boardroom. At that point we will have to be ready for the workshop and complete the details for the Conference. The Conference Committee will meet in Guntersville on October 2, 2007 at the City Hall and final plans will be made at that time.

At this time it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.



Fred Singleton, Jr.
Secretary