

**Aviation Council of Alabama, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Montgomery, Alabama**

Present

Menzo Driskell
Art Morris
Terry Capps
Wayne Cameron
Stephanie Blankenship
Rick Tucker
Roosevelt Lewis
Buzz Sawyer

Russ Kilgore
Ray Miller
Phil Perry
Jerry Cofield
Bill Sisson
Luanne Hayes
Matthew Hea
Kevin Vandeberg

Absent

FredSington
Bill Hutto

Present Driskell called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

Ray Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Russ Kilgore. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Terry Capps. This was a 16 month report due to the Council's end of year change. He stated that the Conference had made a profit and that most of the bills had been paid. Also, that the Council was in great financial shape due to the hard work of the Executive Secretary Stephanie Blankenship. A motion was made by Rick Tucker and seconded by Phil Perry to approve the report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

In regard to the March 9, 2011 Legislative Workshop, it was discussed that due to the upcoming election that there would be many changes in the legislature and the Council needed to come up with a strategy to see the right people and to begin to build bridges and relationships concerning Alabama aviation.

An Aviation Council of Alabama endorsement for Governor was thoroughly discussed and the general consensus was not to endorse either candidate due to potential backfire if our endorsed candidate lost.

Stephanie Blankenship reported the State Aviation Video would be tweaked after she had received written comments at the Conference. Suggestions were made as to Alabama organizations that need to see video.

New Business

President Driskell said he was "cleaning up the mess Fred left" (much laughter). He spoke of the great Conference and thanked all who made it a success.

He also spoke about the dedication of the new Auburn Terminal and the dedication of the work done at Cherokee Airport under the leadership of Luanne Hayes.

Executive Secretary Report

Stephanie Blankenship stated that an Aviation Council Board Meeting would be held at the new Terminal in Auburn in the near future. She also said that the date of the 2011 trip to Washington, D.C. was not know due to NASO not putting out their convention dates yet. Ms Blankenship further stated that the 2011 ACA Conference, September 19-21, would likely be at Ross Bridge in Birmingham and that she was going to make a site visit. Actual Vendor cost to come to conference was discussed.

Ms Blankenship commented on her invitation to speak to the Georgia Airport Conference and stated that Alabama was much ahead of their organization.

President Driskell brought up that the Executive Secretary was using much of her personal cell phone for Council's business and that it had also gotten to the point that she needed a NetPad for Council's business. Russ Kilgore made a motion to give her a \$150.00 per month allowance for cell and NetPad usage. Ro Lewis seconded and motion passed. Budget will be amended to reflect this additional cost. A credit card was also discussed with Art Morris stating he cannot get one for Secretary from Regions due to Council's income. He will seek other sources.

Other Business

A discussion of funding for Alabama airports ensued with a committee of Rick Tucker, Luanne Hayes and Bill Sisson being appointed to an Alabama Aviation Funding Source to research ways Alabama airports might get part of the 100 million dollars of Oil and Gas Royalties since railroads may get 10 million of it.

Also discussed was a stronger Aviation Height Bill needed to be passed since so much time, energy and money have been spent on it.

With no further business, Ray Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Phil Perry. Meeting ended 11:22am.

The next Board meeting will be Nov. 17th at Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Cameron