

**AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD ROOM  
November 15, 2006  
MINUTES**

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, November 15, 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Montgomery Airport Authority. President Perry announced that board member Art Morris had been in an automobile crash enroute to the meeting and would be unable to attend. Board member Bill Hutto is currently enroute but delayed by the weather. Those members and guests present were:

President:	Phil B. Perry
Vice President	Russ Kilgore
Secretary:	Rick Tucker
Past President	Bill Hutto
Members:	Wayne Cameron Terry Capps Col. Ro Lewis Kent Kelly
Executive Director:	Stephanie Blankenship

**Members Absent:**

Treasurer:	Art Morris
Members:	Menzo Driskell Ray Miller Fred Sington
AL Aero Director:	Dr. John Eagerton

President Perry called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on September 20, 2006. Motion for approval of the minutes, as presented, was made by Vice President Russ Kilgore and seconded by Member Kent Kelly, the vote was unanimous for approval of the September 20, 2006 minutes.

President Perry noted that in the absence of Treasurer Art Morris the board would review the balance sheet and profit and lost statements as provided. Stephanie Blankenship stated that Treasurer Morris had planned to discuss the purchase of directors and officer's liability insurance for the association as approved at the September meeting. Secretary Rick Tucker asked whether they would be able to incorporate the adopted budget into the monthly reports to reflect a more accurate budget picture. Ms. Blankenship responded that was supposed to have been accomplished by the November meeting but due to delays would not be finalized until the December meeting.

President Perry announced that Aeronautics Bureau Director, Dr. John Eagerton had been detained in a meeting and probably would not be able to attend the meeting. There was discussion regarding problems airports are having with the Aeronautics Bureau relating

to 1) grant payment issues for federal and state monies, and 2) the state's obstacle surveying process. President Perry agreed to speak with Dr. Eagerton on behalf of the Aviation Council of Alabama on these issues.

President Perry reported that Treasurer Art Morris had called to report on the cost for purchase of directors and officer's liability insurance. The quote for the insurance was \$1,150 which exceeded the amount approved at last month's meeting by \$150.00. A motion was made by Rick Tucker to approve the purchase of directors and officer's liability insurance for the association at a cost of \$1,150.00. Seconded by Bill Hutto, the motion carried unanimously.

President Perry called on Bill Hutto to report on any progress regarding the problems caused by the Department of Agriculture and Industries inspections of airport refueling systems. Mr. Hutto stated that following the meeting we in the Commissioner's office Randy Fulmer of the Department of Agriculture and Industries was supposed to make contact with Dr. Eagerton to try to resolve the issues and that the Department had indicated they would attempt to issue the refueling guidelines by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Stephanie Blankenship stated that to her knowledge Dr. Eagerton had not been contacted by Mr. Fulmer. Following discussion, President Perry stated he would draft a letter to Commissioner Ron Sparks, on behalf of the Council, requesting the opportunity for involvement and input regarding the refueling guidelines. President Perry will meet with Commissioner Sparks to hand deliver the letter. Col Lewis requested that President Perry email a copy of the Sparks letter to the Board.

President Perry stated that the Nominating Committee had a potential nominee for the open Board position. Nominating Committee Chair Bill Hutto reported that he had attempted to contact the potential nominee without success but that Dr. Eagerton had spoken with him (Buzz Sawyer, Demopolis Airport). Mr. Sawyer indicated he was interested but would need to consider the nomination offer. Mr. Hutto stated the Council may need to consider another nominee if Mr. Sawyer does not accept within the next few weeks. Following discussion, President Perry asked Nominating Committee Chair Bill Hutto to report the status at the December meeting.

President Perry called on Bill Hutto for a report from the Legislative Committee and specifically on any plans for Legislative Day. Following discussion, it was determined that there was not any funding in the budget for a Legislative Day. Bill Hutto agreed to contact Fred Sington to discuss specific plans for a Legislative Day prior to the December meeting. It was determined that the Council should, prior to the next legislative session: 1) revisit the language of last year's Tall Towers legislation in order to satisfy any potential issues with the bill from ALFA, the Alabama Electric Cooperative and the cell phone companies. [It was noted that the issues raised by ALFA and the Alabama Electric Cooperative were resolved last year] as well as to carefully choose the sponsor for the bill in the upcoming 2007 legislative session; 2) consider any needed legislation in relation to the Alabama Fueling Requirements issues with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, and 3) be prepared to respond to the eminent domain legislation which is slated to be re-introduced in 2007.

Vice President Russ Kilgore suggested the Council consider restructuring membership dues in order to promote a wider level of membership from the small general aviation airports throughout the state as many of them cannot afford the \$500 annual membership fee. Following discussion, it was noted that many of the small airports could join as individual members and/or as an FBO.

President Perry presented his President's Report. He stated that Stephanie Blankenship and he pre-recorded a segment on Troy Public Radio that would be broadcast on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. They also attended the League of Municipalities Committee on Transportation Meeting which was held in September. They gave a brief presentation on the goals and mission of the Aviation Council of Alabama as well as reviewed the three legislative issues (Eminent Domain, Tall Structures and Alabama Fueling Requirements) of interest to the Council.

Executive Director Stephanie Blankenship presented her report. The Fall Workshop was well attended with representatives from throughout the state. Expense received was \$1,368.64 and the income of the workshop was \$970.00 for a deficit of \$398.54. Following discussion, it was recommended to follow up with all of the workshop attendees on the Alabama Fueling Requirement issue. Membership dues continue to come in with over 27 airports renewing their membership with \$19,000 in dues income received to-date. She noted she just received \$2,040 which is not included in the \$19,000 total. Following review and discussion of the draft agenda for the 2007 Airport Conference, it was decided to revise the program by moving the general membership meeting to Thursday morning, add introduction of newly elected officers to the Thursday evening dinner program and to end the program on Friday with the FAA and ALDOT programs.

Member Wayne Cameron stated he had heard rumors that Joe McInnes would be stepping down as Director of ALDOT following the election and if so, the Council needed to make contact with the new ALDOT Director as soon as possible. Following discussion, President Perry stated that he would contact Dr. Eagerton to determine if the rumors were valid.

The next meeting of the Board of the Aviation Council of Alabama is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Montgomery Regional Airport.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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