

AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
TRANSCRIPT

NOVEMBER 17, 2004

Present: Ro Lewis LuAnn Bill Hutto
 Art Morris Stephanie Blankenship
 John Eagerton, Phil Perry, Russ Kilgore
 Barry Mott, BWSC (Guest)

Meeting began at 10:40 a.m.

Welcome to Russ

Phil's Notes:

Thanks to MGM for improvements and to John Eagerton for the hard work after Ivan.

Bill Hutto moved to waive minutes until the next meeting.

Russ Kilgore seconded.

John Eagerton spoke of tracking the storm (Ivan) early, coordinating with the FAA/ADO. Regions helped with damage assessment. Dr. Eagerton spoke of a Funding Bill that would fund 100% of damage not covered by FEMA/Insurance; a \$1.5M on emergency funding requests to FAA. ALDOT will coordinate the invoices, etc., like an AIP project even though it isn't one.

BH: (Discussion)

JE: The biggest grant would go to Atmore. Russ also had significant damage.

RK: Do grants total \$25M?

JE: \$20M 511K (read off list) Not clear if this covers ATCT.

RK: Thanks to ALDOT.

Phil: Will draft a resolution of thanks/recognition.

RK: discussion -- Secret Service, loss of air space.

JE: Jacksonville center was the controlling agency.

RO: Move on from storm.

JE: ...In October ... with FAA, one-half day seminar for airport consultants. House/Senate have passed their bills. It's in Conf. Committee. Vision 100 funding limits at State level, a good year. \$1.5M for this year. Last year was approximately \$750K in grants. November 15 needed project applications. Start building package to FAA by December 15. Meet with the FAA early next year.

Phil: Not likely, early next year.

JE: optimistic

RK: What about General Funding from the State?

JE: It's a bad time to ask the Legislature to increase Aviation fuel taxes. State money is needed to match federal money. We need to be on guard that money will not divert to the general fund.

BH:looked at raising the \$600K cap.

Ro: There is a need to institutionalize ALDOT funding. We loose too much money; 90% of funding: Senator Sessions -- don't let 90% of funding get away from us. We now have 95% funding.

Ro: How can we institutionalize funding?

BH: Does the \$1.5M include the military field?

JE: No. That would make it \$1.8M. Surplus military field related funds used for Russ's Master Plan (50%).

JE: Pavement Maintenance Program.

Ro: to Bill Hutto. Glad you asked the question. State program , economies of scale.

BH: Great idea. Pools of airports to get economies of scale.

Ro: Should we ask the state to look at hangars? Should there be a State bid hangar basis?

RK: Standard hangar design.

JE: Terminal building -- TN has 2 or 3 designs and the state might participate.

Barry Mott: "T" hangars - no problem - corporate hangars are harder to do.

Ro: Table this discussion - steel price fluctuates

Ro: Financial Report? Table.

ALDOT - done

OLD BUSINESS

Ro: The conference for April 21-23, 2005 is it locked in?

SB: Should we carry it into Saturday?

Ro: Usually our meeting is Saturday morning.

LH: Saturday morning? State employees?

Ro: Saturday morning is a general membership meeting.

Russ: Will we start at noon Thursday?

SB: Yes. Dinner on Thursday.

(discussion)

JE: ALDOT will try to fill the gaps with speakers as needed.

Russ: round table discussion

LH: rundown of subjects

Ro: LH - committee- to consider round table/golf, etc.

Ro: Legislative Special Session

Ro: Membership committee. - held over.

SB: Invoices any day.

Russ: October 5, Homeland Security Meeting.

-phone list

-terrorist threat advisory system-official use.

Grants are being used for communication within the State. GA is way down the list.

Ro: AOPA is going to meet with Admiral Loy to go over GA security.

(Phil left meeting at this point)

(on return)

Discussion of TSA/Homeland Security airports.

Web page-

Ro:

AM: alabamaaviationcouncil.org - web address

Betty's password is personal

Art, set up a separate password.

Good news - \$99.50 for hosting and domain name for one year, then \$50/year. Buy .com for \$25./year.

RK: moved to buy .com for \$25/year

LH: 2nd

Ayes have it.

Ro: Thanks, Art, for clearing up the password.

Ro: Conference- working on this afternoon.

Ro: Call on the Executive Director

SB: Newsletter

Ro: asked SB to apply for a credit card.

Ro: Marketing/articles - we have some articles.

-please submit - ASAP

-Stephanie will publish our newsletter

Ro to JE: We discussed some idea of something we'd like to see our Vision.

JE: Business plan - for airports. Buy RPZ and other safety issues and infrastructure items. Problem with \$1/year leases, et. Al. - undermining community support. One of the best - Ray Miller...State will not necessarily be receptive, but, they need to be as self-sufficient as possible...private entity/public property --- generate revenue. Airports need to think about ways to generate money.

Ro: Airports are an essential part of communities.

Ro: Newsletter, need photos, etc.

SB: League of Municipalities, do we want to participate?

LH: LuAnn worked it before - rather expensive.

Ro: We passed out information on municipal needs.

SB: We made an impression on municipal decision makers.

Ro: Call the question.

--no response--

Ro: Call the question - spend up to \$500 (Participate at a level not to exceed \$500)

BH: 2nd

Carried

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 8TH at 10:30 A.M.

Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.B. R.", is written diagonally across the page.