

AVIATION COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTGOMERY AIRPORT BOARD ROOM
December 7, 2005
MINUTES

The Board of Directors met in session Wednesday, December 7, 2005 beginning at 10:30 AM in the Board Room of the Montgomery Airport Authority. Those members & guests present were:

President:	William T. Hutto, Jr.
Member:	Phil B. Perry
Member:	Art Morris
Member:	Menzo Driskell
Member:	Wayne Cameron
Past President:	Col. Ro Lewis
Secretary:	Russ Kilgore
Exec Director:	Stephanie Blakenship
Aero. Director	Dr. John Eagerton

Members Absent:

- Member Daniel Boone, Esq.
- Member Fred Sington
- Member Luanne Hayes
- Member Rick Tucker
- Member Kent Kelly
- Member Ray Miller

President Hutto noted that a quorum was present for the business of The Aviation Council of Alabama Board of Directors and called the meeting to order, whereupon, President Hutto called for approval of the Minutes from the September, 2005 meeting. Motion for approval was made by member Phil Perry, seconded by Member Art Morris. The vote was unanimous for approval. President Hutto then called for the approval of the Minutes from the October, 2005 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Member Phil Perry, seconded by Member Art Morris. The Vote was unanimous for approval.

Treasurer Art Morris presented his report to the Board. He stated that he and the Executive Director are continuing to correct an anomaly relating to the software being used, and hope to have it corrected soon. Mr. Morris reported that the cash balance was \$36,451.95. Executive Director Blakenship reported that membership dues are continuing to increase, and requested that members continue to make contacts for new members.

President Hutto called on Aeronautics Bureau Director, Dr. John Eagerton, to give the Board any updates or information he wanted to reveal. Dr. Eagerton reported that the President had signed the AIP Funding Bill for FY-06. The State of Alabama will receive about 56 Million Dollars in Federal Grants, and that the Aeronautics Bureau would be able to fund its matching portion of all grants. Dr. Eagerton also reported that FY-05 was closed out with a total of 44 airport grants, and that the Bureau funded just over one million dollars in matching funds for those grants. He also updated the Board concerning the future of the AIP Program. The current "Vision 100" program expires in FY-07, and that there is already a battle to incorporate "user fees" into any new program and eliminating General Aviation from the AIP program. Dr. Eagerton reported that the Aeronautics Bureau will be implementing a Statewide Pavement Maintenance Program in 2006. He also reported that the Bureau will be offering several signs relating to airports to be given at no cost to licensed airports in the State.

Under the topic of "Old Business", the Executive Director is still awaiting quotes for "D&O" Insurance for board members.

Consideration of the proposed State Height Legislation was discussed. 2 changes were made by motion of Member Russ Kilgore, seconded by Member Art Morris with unanimous approval by the board for those changes. Discussion following the vote, it was decided to have Member Rick Tucker and Montgomery Mayor

and others review the final draft prior to having a sponsor enter the bill into the current State Legislative Process.

Executive Director Blankenship reported that the Security Workshop was a success, but that the expenses were \$687.68 over the received contributions. A motion by Member Phil Perry, seconded by Member Ro Lewis to fund the overage was unanimous for approval of the expenditure.

A proposal for the Board to enter into a marketing program was presented by Member Art Morris that was submitted by Member Luanne Hayes in her absence. Unanimous approval was given to enter into a contract with BakerWoodward Communications for various services.

On a motion presented by Member Wayne Cameron and seconded by Member Ro Lewis the board voted unanimously to approve purchasing an advertisement in "The Auto Pilot-Alabama Edition" Magazine not to exceed \$3,500.00 in cost.

Member Russ Kilgore made a motion, seconded by Member Art Morris for the President to appoint a "Legislative Day Committee", to set the date for "Alabama Aviation Council Legislative Day" with a budget not to exceed \$3,000.00, and report back to the Board at the January Meeting. The vote on the motion approval was unanimous.

Executive Director Blankenship reported that work was progressing for the "Annual Alabama Airports Conference" and called for members to send suggestions for speakers and topics. The conference will begin with lunch on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 and conclude by noon Friday, and that a reception on Wednesday will be hosted by The Montgomery Airport Authority at the airport.

The date for the next Board of Directors meeting was set for January 18, 2006, in the Board Room of The Montgomery Airport Authority at 10:30AM.

Adjournment by acclamation was made at 12:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Russ Kilgore, Secretary