# MINUTES OF THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD

# MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2006

### **DOT&PF MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM**

### ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Members Present

Attendees

Chairman Richard Wien

William Fowler

Dan Klaes

Paul Landis

Felix Maguire

Wilbur O'Brien

Commissioner Barton (telecom)
Deputy Commissioner Torgerson

Frank Richards

Howard Thies

Mort Plumb

Jesse Vanderzanden

Tom George

Roger Maggard

Keith Day

#### 11:30am

Chairman Wien called the meeting to order by teleconference. Mr. Wien and Mr. Dodson were in Fairbanks on a flight delay.

Approved the agenda.

Approved the minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The Chairman called on Commissioner Barton to make opening comments (Commissioner Barton was on teleconference from Juneau).

#### Commissioner Barton's Comments:

- 1. This might be his last meeting because of the change in Administration;
- 2. Complimented the Board for doing a lot of hard work;
- 3. Expressed his appreciation for all the comments and actions of the Board;
- 4. He appreciated the support that was given to the Aviation Community from the Board;
- 5. He especially appreciated Chairman Richard Wien's leadership;
- 6. He enjoyed meeting and working with all the Board Members.

Chairman Wien thanked Commissioner Barton for his leadership and his willingness to work with the Advisory Board.

Chairman Wien brought up a transition report to Governor Murkowski that he had prepared and asked for any comments, edits, changes or additions.

There was a general discussion on the terms of Board Members. Deputy Commissioner Torgerson advised of the re-appointment letter from the Governors office of Board and Commissions.

Board Member Landis indicated that he would be resigning from the Board because he will no longer be working for ERA Aviation and he represents the Signature Airlines.

Board Member Klaes suggested that the Board develop a list of future items that the Board should be discussing.

Chairman Wien recessed for the Members waiting in Fairbanks to travel to Anchorage. (12:30pm)

#### 2:00PM

Chairman Wien reconvened the meeting when the remaining members arrived at DOT, Anchorage.

The resolution on the Bettles Airport was presented by Dan Klaes.

Discussion followed:

Motion to adopt by Felix Maguire Seconded by Paul Landis Friendly amendment offered by Paul Landis: amend out "as soon as possible and insert highest priority"

Friendly amendment accepted by the first

Motion to adopt Bettles resolution passed

Resolution on by-pass mail presented by Jim Dodson

Discussion followed:

Bill Fowler comment: the Barrow, Prudue Bay by-pass service is not working very well.

General discussion on language and underlining legislation authorizing the program.

Motion made to adopt the resolution by Jim Dodson.

Seconded by Bill Fowler.

Paul Landis moved to amend the resolution to clarify legislative language.

Seconded by Bill Fowler.

Resolution on back country air strips was presented by Chairman Wien. The Chairmen had Tom George explain the resolution.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Felix Maguire.

Seconded by Wilbur O'Brien.

Motion passed adopted the resolution.

Introduction of John Bitney, a member of the Governor-elect-Palin's transition team.

Chairman Wien introduced the Board Members.

Mort Plumb, Director of TSAIA, made a brief presentation concerning the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

Jesse Vanderzanden, Director of the Fairbanks International Airport, made a brief presentation on the Fairbanks Airport.

Chairman Wien went over his transition report and advised Mr. Bitney that the advisory board will make copies available to the transition team when assembled.

John Bitney asked what he could do for the Advisory Board.

Board Members made general comments to Mr. Bitney about their function and responsibilities as a Board member.

Mr. Bitney thanked the Board for the information.

The Board discussed the next meeting to be held in February in Juneau. Most agreed to the meeting. When the time gets closer the Chairman will set a date.

### 4:30PM

Meeting adjourned.