

**Aviation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2013 – Anchorage**

Meeting held at Anchorage International Airport - Anchorage, AK

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 8:36 a.m.

PRESENT: Lee Ryan, Jim Dodson, Tom George, Steve Strait, Frank Neitz, Dave Karp, Tom Nicolos, Judy McKenzie, Ken Lythgoe, Bob Hajdukovich

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Mike Stedman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pat Kemp (DOT&PF), Steve Hatter (DOT&PF), Jim Lomen (FAA), Becky Iles (DOT&PF), Linda Bustamante (DOT&PF), Jennifer Bailey (DOT&PF), Jessica Della Croce (DOT&PF), Jeff Roach (DOT&PF), Penny Adler (DOT&PF), Megan Byrd (DOT&PF), Bart Rudolph (DOT&PF), Adam White (Alaska Airmen's Association), Mike Pannone (Mat-Su Aviation Advisory Board), Dave Palmer (Mat-Su Aviation Advisory Board), Paul Bowers (Merrill Field), Merle Akers (GA Pilot – Lake Hood), Shawna Thoma (Sen. Begich Office), Greg Kaplan (Sen. Murkowski Office), Ken Acton,

MINUTES: Motion: Steve Strait motioned to accept minutes with no changes -motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ryan – Welcomed all to the meeting and reviewed board's agenda. Steve Strait motioned to accept the agenda, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kemp – spoke about the Airport Needs List; GIS Program; Aggregate solutions for rutting problems; TAMS; Paving Specifications; Marine Highways eliminating discounts; New goal of getting one year ahead on all projects to protect funding and produce a better quality project; Successful AIA airport master plan; Investing time with the legislature; Raising speed limits on the Parks and Richardson Highways; and State equipment fleet budget solutions.

He also expressed some concerns for DOT&PF: Highway funding has a \$600 million backlog affecting communities across the state; FAA interpretation of 20:1 approaches at state airports; Employee retention at Bethel Airport; and possible realignment of the regions to balance duties across the state.

Jeff Jones – On behalf of Governor Parnell, thanked the Board for all being done to support aviation. He spoke about Alaska being a resource state with a budget tied to those resources. Alaska is seeing increased oil/gas activity throughout the state. 12,000 people would be needed for a Cook Inlet LNG project which would increase competition for labor in the state. Chairman Lee Ryan recommended the Board look at workforce development issues.

Deputy Commissioner Hatter - Welcomed everyone and thanked the Board for their hard work. He introduced Jennifer Bailey as the new Statewide Leasing Chief. Becky

Iles will be retiring at the end of December and will be dual filling the position until that time.

AGENDA:

Statewide Aviation Issues: Deputy Commissioner Hatter updated the board on the following key topics:

- Governor’s Executive Order – The Alaska International Airport System and Statewide Aviation reviewed aviation related regulations and submitted a combined response to the governor’s office. Title 17 working groups have been established.
- Strategic Planning – Statewide Aviation has begun a strategic planning effort for the Rural Airport System. Staff and selected stakeholders will be meeting November 12-13th for the first session.
- Landing Fee Study – This study was requested by the legislature. A draft report has been completed.
- Akutan Airport – Aleutians East Borough feels that the hoverlink between Akun and Akutan is unsustainable and is investigating other access solutions. DOT&PF will be meeting with the borough, FAA and the City of Akutan to review options.
- 20:1 Approach Surface Penetration – Recent policy changes with the FAA caused instrument approaches at several airports to be limited to daytime only. DOT&PF is working closely with FAA to reverse and mitigate these restrictions. FAA has agreed to a “risk based analysis”.
- Legislative Visit to the Y-K Delta – Statewide Aviation recently hosted a Legislative tour of Bethel, Chefornak, Kwigillingok, and Tuntutuliak. DOT&PF feels the tours are vital to educating legislators and others to the challenges and issues of Alaska’s rural airports.
- Alaska International Airports System –
 - Cargo Summit was held this fall. The summits continue outreach to carriers about the system and opportunities available in Alaska.
 - Cargo statistics are slightly down from projected.
 - Rate increase was amicably received by the AAAC.
 - 31 signatory carriers signed the new 10 year agreement.

Anchorage Master Plan:

Evan Pfahler updated the board on the Anchorage International Airport Master Plan. ANC is currently working on the 7th Master plan update. Each plan is expected to be in

place for 7-10 years. There has been robust public involvement with the MP. Next open house scheduled for December 20th.

FAA:

Jim Lomen gave a presentation on the Airport Improvement Program. He spoke about the needs vs. funding for rural airport projects.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS): Steve Strait gave a presentation on UAS in Alaska, what is considered a UAS, current regulations regarding their use and what the future may bring.

SWA Strategic Plan: Deputy Commissioner Hatter announced that DOWL received the contract for the Rural Airport Strategic Plan. The first session will be held November 13-14th. DOT&PF has asked Chairman Ryan and Dave Karp to attend the session as representatives of the board and aviation community. There will be more on this topic at the next meeting.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the M&O update was deferred to the Juneau meeting.

Public Comment:

Merle Akers submitted several requests and concerns to the Board regarding the Lake Hood Floatplane Base; Title 17 AAC42 - Article 5; and AIA/LHD master plans. Full copies of these requests were given to Deputy Commissioner Hatter and Chairman Ryan.

Board Comments:

Board is concerned about workforce development – Tom George checking with Kevin Alexander for an update on UAF’s aviation program

Suggestion to coordinate agendas with AACCA for Juneau meeting

Board requested teleconference meeting to review Department budget prior to Juneau meeting

FAA’s 4 cornerstones – Pavement, Safety, RSAs, and Access – with RSAs completed, Board might consider identifying a new cornerstone at JNU meeting

Next Meeting will be held at the Goldbelt hotel in Juneau, Alaska, tentatively set for February 5th, 2014.

Meeting Recessed at 3:40 p.m.