

**Aviation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2014 – Fairbanks**

**Meeting held in Fairbanks Airport Conference Room – Fairbanks, AK**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 8:40 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Lee Ryan, Tom George, Steve Strait, Frank Neitz, Dale Shaw, Tom Nicolos, Mike Stedman, Bob Hajdukovich, Jim Dodson

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Dave Karp, Ken Lythgoe

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** John Binder (DOT&PF), Jeff Jones (Governor’s office) Linda Bustamante (DOT&PF), Alexa Greene (DOT&PF), Jennifer Bailey (DOT&PF), Mike Coffey (DOT&PF), Jeremy Worrall (DOT&PF), Melissa Osborne (FAI Airport), Angie Spear (FAI Airport), Steve Henry (FAI Airport)

**AGENDA/MINUTES:** Steve Strait motioned to accept minutes and agenda, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Chairman Ryan** – Welcomed all to the meeting and reviewed board’s agenda

**Commissioner Kemp** – Commissioner Kemp participated via teleconference.

- Recently attended Governor’s sub-cabinet meeting that included a discussion of DOT’s role with gasline, supporting maintenance facilities along Haul Road, and Deadhorse Airport.
- Outstanding capital year – obligated about \$175 M in aviation projects and \$600M in highway. There is lots of work going on especially along the Parks Highway – with more to come next year.
- Changes in DOT&PF - today the Department can be described as 6 sectors – 1 HQ, 2 systems (Marine and Alaska International Airports), and 3 regions. Focus is on working together as one department, opening doors to silos and communicating better internally. Wants Department to get ahead of projects with media outreach and press releases. New Information Systems division in DOT will help with efficiencies – today DOT is “data rich – information poor”. Another change is the adjusting of regional boundaries effective July 1, 2014. New regions will be northern, central and southcoast - this will balance workload. 70% of the state’s population resides in Central Region. More information on boundary changes will be presented to Board at Juneau meeting.
- Requested a resolution from Board to support the ADOT&PF/DNR Right of Way Bill that will be reintroduced this upcoming session. Board will receive a briefing from Deputy Commissioner Rice at JNU meeting.

## **John Binder –**

- Discussed Mat-Su legislative briefing and airport tour.
- Backcountry airport working group will meet soon – in initial project stage.
- FAA visitors from DC traveled to numerous airports in western district and seaplane bases in southeast region.
- Title 17 administrative review is currently out for public comment. Next step will be review of rates/fees and leases.
- Just returned from trip to Korea – a conversation was facilitated between Asian and Canadian air carrier. AIAS continues to educate benefits of cargo transfer rights available in Alaska.
- Tower legislation – FAA open to providing data on webcam website. Suggestion to bring new FAA Alaska Regional Administrator Kerry Long into the conversation.
- Badging/Security Issues – Jerry Worrall advised that all certificated 139 airports have the same standards. DOT will be consistent statewide. Question about if DOT can implement a SIDA zone – temporary area for when large jet a/c land? Can there be a formalized process for GA private pilots?
- SBA and state leases – question about lease language and SBA wording in their loan agreements. SBA want more power on airport than state allows.

**John Parrott** - provided a presentation on the benefits of cargo transfer at the Alaska International Airports and the findings of a recent economic development study. Next steps include partnering with entity to help move opportunities forward.

**Steve Henry/Angie Spear** – provided an overview of airport construction projects noting that the ARFF project will reduce energy costs. Angie reviewed current air service – noting there was a 3.3% increase in FY2014.

**Mike Coffey** – reviewed deferred maintenance history and provided a 5 year deferred maintenance list. Currently there is a \$51.5M DM list. Mike will provide the list at the next board meeting in Juneau.

**Representative Bryce Edgmon** – called into the meeting to request support with air carriers to post placards with drug trafficking TIP hotline numbers at air carrier terminals. Board supports this request.

## **Board Discussion –**

The Alaska Air Carriers Association will amend and resubmit tower legislation. UAS conference held in Anchorage focused on safety, personnel safety, and avalanche control. Airports are looking at UAS nationwide from a business perspective – potential revenue stream.

Question about Statewide Aviation Operations Manager position – provides integration and coordination between regions and focuses on continuity and compliance coordination.

**Juneau meeting agenda items:**

Issue a resolution supporting drug hotline information at airport terminals.

Jim Dodson was asked to provide an overview of the Board's history at the next meeting.

Establish long-term board goals.

SWA strategic initiatives update.

**Jeff Jones** – Lots of activity on North Slope and Cook Inlet. Budget constraints are due to drivers beyond state's control - education funding, medicare, PERS/TERS all have gone up. Oil prices in July were \$110 a barrel – today \$85. Department (DOT&PF) needs to be proactive and prioritize because it could be a challenge to operate how we have in the past.

**Next Meeting** will be Feb 3,4,5 or 17,18,19 in Juneau, Alaska.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**