

**Aviation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2014 – Nome**

Meeting held at Aurora Inn Conference Room – Nome, AK

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Lee Ryan, Tom George, Steve Strait, Frank Neitz, Dave Karp, Tom Nicolos, Mike Stedman, Bob Hajdukovich, Ken Lythgoe

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Jim Dodson, Dale Shaw

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Binder (DOT&PF), Jeff Jones (Governor's office) Linda Bustamante (DOT&PF), Jeff Roach (DOT&PF), Alexa Greene (DOT&PF), Byron Huffman (FAA), Patrick Weeks (DOT&PF), Anna Rose MacArthur, Reporter with KNOM

MINUTES: Steve Strait motioned to accept minutes with no changes, and the motion was passed unanimously.

AGENDA: Mike Stedman motioned to accept agenda noting the change to the meeting start time.

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

Commissioner Kemp – Commissioner Kemp participated in the rural airports tour with the Board on July 30th. John Binder provided remarks on behalf of Commissioner Kemp.

- Welcomed the reappointment of board members Dave Karp and Bob Hajdukovich and newly appointed member Dale Shaw with FedEx.
- The department is reviewing lease lot development in preparation for Shell activity at both the Kotzebue and Barrow Airports.
- The department is working on a statewide airport badging system.
- Requested a resolution from Board to support HB371/SB211 the ADOT&PF/DNR Right of Way Bill. Board unanimously supports this request.

John Binder – Welcomed the new Statewide Aviation Division Operations Manager Patrick Weeks.

- AASP Update – discussed website development, CIMP, rates and fees study, and airport classifications. New APEB scoring process to be included in website development.
- Final RSA projects at Nome, Kotzebue and Kodiak Airports. Adak RSA will be funded by state. All need to be completed by December 31, 2015.
- Reviewed AIAS statistics. Dave Karp requested report at next meeting on air cargo transfer rights. Would like Board to better understand variables involved with cargo activity and impacts to overall AIAS system.
- GLDP report (AIAS economic report) will be provided to the Board at next meeting.

- Board would like more information on APEB risk assessment process. Will risk management address economic development and funding needs of airports? Requested information on this at next meeting.
- Tom George requested AASP have a work group to address Alaska weather issues, AWOS, etc. Suggested coming up with a statewide list of needs.

Byron Huffman – provided a presentation on the FY14 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) noting AIP/ACIP priorities and goals and objectives emphasized by the FAA.

- New FAA Associate Administrator for Airports is Eduardo Angeles
- Byron will be working out-of-state from mid-August to mid-October. In his absence Jim Lomen will be attending the next meeting.

Board Discussion –

Steve Strait advised that John Binder is now on the UAS Task Force. He requested leaving UAS on the agenda for next meeting, in the meantime, we should continue to forward task force information to the AAB.

Tower legislations – Bob Hajdukovich advised that towers are still a major concern for air carriers. They need to be marked and blades need to have contrasting colors. Video on wind farms and use of MET towers was viewed. Nebraska requires registration for MET towers. Towers of concern in Alaska are wind turbines and communication towers. The 5010 Alaska supplement should have obstructions noted that are around airport area. Requested next board meeting agenda discuss state registering towers on GIS.

Tom George provided an overview of the GA Caucus held in early May in conjunction with the Great Alaska Gathering.

Lee Ryan noted that the landing fee discussion will be back again next legislative session.

Tom George showed a power point of a 1928 Alaska Tour of a federal/territorial visit to inspect transportation projects.

Postal System comments – nothing expected to happen until after elections. There was a question as to what Board can do proactively to educate people about bypass mail. It is an efficiency system not all subsidy. It was suggested that the Board reach out to Commissioner Bell to further bypass mail discussion with rural subcabinet.

Steve Strait – Lake Hood master plan should address many tenant issues about erosion and availability of slips. He also suggested better signage to clarify Point Woronzof from Port Woronzof Park.

Ken Lythgoe – discussed challenges with international cargo carriers co-sharing cargo at ANC due to customer information being confidential.

Tom George – asked what ADOT&PF can do to entice fuel availability at the Northway Airport.

Mike Stedman – Southeast runways are in good shape but there is still concern with deferred maintenance at western located air strips.

Frank Neitz – BET Airport has a new airport position. LJ brings electrical skills and training to his new job. Kwigillingok Airport still needs improving.

Tom Nicolos – asked about providing better contact information for Board on website. It's important for Statewide leasing to work closely with boroughs and their planning departments and zoning commissions.

Bob Hajukovich – 8 carriers transport 90% of Alaska passengers. Well maintained runways are more important today with larger and right sized aircraft. Carriers have more at stake today when you compare flying a \$7 M Dash 8 with a 207. Resources should be allocated to Wainwright and Wales Airports - they can go soft quickly with precipitation.

Dave Karp – rural focus is where board is making an impact. Board looks at in-state issues and this group is delivering.

Lee Ryan – it's helpful that the board continue to visit rural communities. Regarding runway conditions, it's important to maintain what. Flying into Kwigillingok and Crooked Creek can be a "wild ride". The APEB process needs to continue to look at new ways to gain efficiencies. He questioned if all airports need to be 3,300 ft. Lime Village is an example – isn't it better to have a 1,800' good runway than a 3,300' new one. Suggests tying risk based discussion into APEB/AIP funding.

Mike Stedman requested a report on what ADOT&PF spent on aviation including SREBs, etc.

Board suggests reinvigorating the Deferred Maintenance plan and would like to have a report/overview at next meeting.

The Board would like a preliminary budget review and suggested scheduling a teleconference before the next meeting in Fairbanks. Review would include FY16 budget priorities, capital program, M&O needs, deferred maintenance overview with dollar figures and categories, and talking points of budget.

Next Meeting will be October 14th in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.