

**Aviation Advisory Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 2:05 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members: Jim Dodson, Tom George, Lee Ryan, Steve Strait, Marilyn Romano, Gideon Garcia, Frank Neitz, Mike Stedman, Bob Hajdukovich, Dennis Parrish, Earl Samuelson

DOT&PF: John Binder, Troy LaRue, Linda Bustamante, Commissioner Luiken

OTHERS: Senator Mia Costello, John Harris, Ray Gillespie, Shirley Marquardt, Jim (UPS), and representatives from the Turnagain Community Council and Lake Hood Pilots Association; Lorraine Davis, Gloria Manni, Merle Akers, Scott Christy, and Jim Seeley

AGENDA and MINUTES – Steve moved to accept agenda, Gideon seconded. Marilyn moved to adopt minutes. Steve seconded. Motions passed unanimously.

Deputy Commissioner Binder Comments:

- The department received lots of comments regarding the proposed Aircraft Registration Program. The next step is for the Commissioner to review the proposal and then approve or disapprove.
- Discussed the Lake Hood communication plan and a decision last year to lease space to a commercial aviation company on the Lake that included 13 tie-down slips. The public noticing of the lease met the requirements but acknowledged that the surrounding community councils should have been notified in addition to the official online public notice and that the lease should have been sent out via GovDelivery. Members of the TCC and Lake Hood Pilots Association at the board meeting requested DC Binder set up a meeting with Airport and Lake Hood leasing management and the new Airport Manager.

Commissioner Luiken Comments:

- The Commissioner said he is encouraged by the Governor's budget. The motor fuel tax is still in play but it remains to be seen how it will proceed.

Board Discussion

- The board thought there was a good public process regarding the aircraft registration fees and that there was a lot of opposition. The Commissioner advised the board that the aircraft registration was not going to be used as a revenue generating tool. The Board would like the FAA to discuss the aircraft registration requirement at the Juneau meeting later this month.

Senator Costello commented that the aircraft registration proposal should hold another public comment period even if there is less revenue attached to the proposal since there was much comment about the registration requirement. Steve Strait moved the Board resolution request DOT&PF to go back to public notice with the substantial change to the aircraft registration program, Gideon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- The Board plans to meet with the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee while in Juneau. Senator Costello will assist with setting up meetings. Gideon, Marilyn, and Tom George will work on board presentations.
- There was discussion about the Alaska International Airport System operating as an Airport Authority and a suggestion that it may be time to consider this. Hawaii is in the process of undergoing this same type of discussion. Marilyn offered to gather Hawaii's legislation for the next meeting. It was also recommended that the Department determine what resources are available should the establishment of an airport authority move forward.

Public Comments

Members of the Turnagain Community Council and Lake Hood Pilots Association had the following comments about the Lake Hood lease to Ketchikan Air that included 13 tie-down slips:

- Because the Lake Hood floatplane slip waitlist has 250 + persons on it with a wait time of 12 years or more, the Ketchikan Air lease should be broken and these tie downs made available to the persons on the wait list.
- There was an expectation that Lake Hood would take up the tie-down slip discussion in the master plan.
- The communication efforts should have been better managed. Finding notices on the state's Online Public Notice is very difficult. Communication is critical since airport activity impacts neighboring community's lives.
- The entire operational procedure was decided by airport staff – do they know much about the lake's general aviation? Tie-downs are what the lake needs.
- Group would like to have a meeting with the new airport manager when he starts.

The next board meeting will be January 24, 2018 at the DOT&PF HDQ Building in Juneau.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.