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Governor's Aviation Advisory Board

June 13, 2005

Summary Minutes

Board Members Present

Bill Fowler
Bob Jacobsen
Dan Klaes
Paul Landis
Ken Lythgoe
Felix Maguire
Wilbur O'Brien
Mike Salazar
Richard Wien

Board Members Excused

Jim Dodson

Attendees

Tom George, AOPA
Kip Knudson, DoT/PF
Andrew Niemiec, DoT/PF
Mort Plumb, ANC
Carl Siebe, DoT/PF
Jesse VanderZanden, FAI

Chair – Meeting convened at 10 am. Minutes were adopted with correction of date in footer and removal of “draft.”

The board discussed the details of the new statute creating the permanent Advisory Board. Due to the required staggered terms, Maguire, Wien, and Jacobsen volunteered for one-year terms. An 11th member needs to be selected from the 2nd Judicial District, which includes Nome, Kotzebue and Barrow.

The Board discussed the Commissioner's letter to the Chair and asked that staff create a draft work plan that could direct the board in its future deliberations. On budget advocacy, the board needs to know how and when budget decisions are made. On the topic of land development, discussion centered on AIP projects creating lease lots during the construction of the larger project. Some questions were asked about the impact of Kulis being included on the BRAC list.

Maguire was appointed as the Board's primary liaison, and Landis as alternate, to the quarterly meetings of the AIAS Directors.

Fowler – recommended that subcommittees be formed to address the specific items in the work plan.

Klaes – wants to focus board attention on local government/DoT cooperation.

Landis – asked that meetings take on a regional focus in order to address issues such as local control of Kwinhagak. The Northern Aviation Expo to be held in FAI was also mentioned.

Siebe – safety ought to be a key element of the Board's work plan – can we afford to keep airports safe.

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George – noted that funding is key, and that education must take place regarding the opportunities for community involvement.

Plumb – Board should incorporate the opinions of local government already running their airports.

Jacobsen – DoT ought to write a letter to airport communities about the Administration's goals of land development. Also suggested that DoT and local sponsors make joint purchases to generate cost savings.

Maguire – communities need assurance that intermodal plans will be coordinated. Also suggested that Board look at more than airports, such as airspace issues and Public Safety hangar.

Lythgoe – suggested that an airport manager be scheduled to present at each Board meeting.

Jacobsen – noted during discussion of local sales taxes being applied to aviation fuel sales that DoT policy needs to be consistent at all communities.

Agenda items at next meeting: "too small" policy; Platinum airport improvement cancellation; which other communities, nationwide, charge sales tax on aviation fuel; draft "freebie" lease policy for Board review; advantages of local sponsor grouping for lower insurance premiums; specific list of completely new airports that DoT is planning to build, or has recently built.

Suggested date for next meeting is second week of August.

Board reminded staff to get agenda and minutes out well in advance of meeting.