

**Aviation Advisory Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 1:08 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members: Jim Dodson, Tom George, Lee Ryan, Steve Strait, Dennis Parrish, Marilyn Romano, Gideon Garcia, Earl Samuelson

Excused: Frank Neitz, Mike Stedman, Bob Hajdukovich

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

OTHERS: Ray Gillespie, John Harris

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

Deputy Commissioner Binder Update:

- John reviewed the after- hours program noting that revenue collected since implementation (May 28th) covering June and July is \$12,000, and that there has been good coordination between the airports and air carrier requests.
- The rural airport leasing rates and fee increase went into effect July 1st, and should result in a 20% increase in revenue. Approximately \$5 M collected in 2017 and \$6M expected in 2018. The majority of increases are in land rent.

Mike Carney, Airport Manager, Ketchikan Airport Revenue Overview:

- Airport receives about \$1.1M in total annual revenue primarily from security fees; landing fees; and facility use fee. Air carrier's self-report landing fees monthly. Additional fees are charged for parking and tie down. The airport's FBO collects landing and parking fees for GA aircraft and receives 25% of the revenue collected. Airport does charge call out fees for any requests after 9:30pm. Most calls are from medivacs and they are charged \$200 for every ½ hour with a 2 hour minimum call out. The airport has a staff of 27.5 positions, and the budget to operate the airports is ~\$5M/year.

Board Discussion

- The board reviewed their January 2017 resolution supporting revenue enhancement for the rural aviation system with an increase to the motor fuel tax.
- Tom George advised he will be sending a survey to General Aviation groups for their feedback on what aviation revenue sources they would support. It was also recommended to

check with the Alaska Air Carriers Association and maybe the International Airport Affairs Committee.

- DOT&PF's operating budget has been increased by \$1M.
- It was noted that Norway has 98 airports of which 14 are serviced by international flights that fund all 98
- The board will continue to review options for generating revenue for the rural aviation system.
- Letter to Chancellor White with UAF was requested to review aviation program in Fairbanks and get information about the number of students graduating; how program is being supported; what private partnerships are being pursued. Letter to Chancellor in Anchorage was also recommended.
- The next meeting will focus on building a message for the Juneau trip and meetings with legislators.

The next teleconference meeting is scheduled for November 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.