

**Aviation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 26, 2017**  
**Dillingham, Alaska**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 1:34 p.m.**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Board Members:**

**Present:** Jim Dodson, Tom George, Lee Ryan, Steve Strait, Frank Neitz, Gideon Garcia, Mike Stedman

**On the Phone:** Marilyn Romano

**Excused Absence:** Earl Samuelson, Bob Hajdukovich, Dennis Parrish

**DOT&PF:** John Binder, Marc Luiken, Linda Bustamante, Jennifer Bailey

**FAA:** Byron Huffman

**OTHERS:** Dillingham Mayor Alice Ruby, Aleknagik Mayor Carolyn Smith, Representative Bryce Edgmon, Dave Gladden (airport tenant), Al Orot, PenAir.

**AGENDA and MINUTES** – Tom moved to accept agenda, Jim seconded. Steve moved to accept minutes, Gideon seconded. Motions passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Luiken Remarks:**

Commissioner talked about the Department moving forward with One DOT&PF Results Based Alignment – RBA is a service delivery framework that measures the contribution of the services the Department delivers in support of our mission. DOT&PF impacts every Alaskan every day. Federal dollars fund the vast majority of the department’s construction projects. Once the state’s capital budget is approved the Department will move projects forward.

**Revenue Generation Discussion:**

Commissioner and board discussed the aviation revenue options presented by Deputy Commissioner John Binder. The suggestion to increase the tie-down and transient parking program to other airports is under consideration. The board would like Statewide Aviation to get more information from the Ketchikan Airport about their costs to implement landing fee data and collection.

The board would also like to know what’s been charged and collected with the new after hour fees. And the board thinks it will be helpful to educate legislators about how DOT airports get revenue. Today there are 1400 land use agreements at DOT airports and of those only 1000 are paying agreements.

Marilyn Romano told the board about a presentation the Airline Government Affairs committee provided and suggested the board look at the power point for another perspective on raising air carrier revenue. This will be added to the next teleconference’s agenda.

### **FAA “How Airports Make Money” presentation:**

Bryon Huffman, FAA Division Director for the Alaska Airport Division, reviewed the traditional ways most airports earn revenue. 48% of the revenue generated at Alaska airports is from the larger certificated airports. 45% of AKDOT’s airports have no revenue producing agreements. He reviewed the FAA’s role in airport development and talked about the possibility building T hangars with AIP funds, as a way to generate additional revenue. Byron announced that he will be retiring at the end of this year. All board members thanked him for his support and participation in AAB meetings.

### **Backcountry Airstrips of Alaska:**

John Binder and Tom George discussed the Backcountry Airport survey results. The next step is to educate DNR and major land owners about the importance of these airstrips and why more attention to identifying, charting, and protecting these airstrips is needed.

### **Drone and Opioid Committee:**

Steve will provide the board a written update on the opioid committee’s efforts to introduce and improve communications between the troopers, air carriers and AACA regarding the opioid epidemic in rural Alaska.

### **Next meeting –**

The board is planning to hold a teleconference meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm to continue the discussion of aviation revenue. They plan to review their last recommendation to the Governor for an aviation fuel tax.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

### **July 27, 2017**

Board toured the Dillingham Airport and discussed current airport runway improvements and long-term plans to shift the runway. Board also toured Shannon Pond, FSS, Airport Businesses, and Aleknagik Wood River Bridge.