The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Aviation Advisory Board (AAB) was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at the MSB Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mr. David Palmer.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.

AAB members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. David Lundin
Mr. David Palmer
Mr. Mike Pannone
Mr. Barry Stanley
Mr. Mark Stigar
Mr. Norman Chance

AAB members absent and excused were:

Mr. Archie Giddings
Mr. Chris Kepler

Staff in attendance:

Ms. Jessica Smith
Ms. Sara Jansen
Ms. Josi Willcox

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Palmer asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Ms. Smith asked that we change the date to reflect 2016, add Chris Kepler as a member of the board, move Sara Jansen to Staff Reports and Presentations as letter C, and move Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) to letter D.

Mr. Palmer requested the Talkeetna float plane lane be added for discussion.

MOTION: Mr. Stanley moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Stigar seconded.

VOTE: None opposed. March 2, 2016 agenda approved as amended.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Palmer.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Palmer asked if there were any changes to the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes

Mr. Stanley requested the word "introduce" be changed to "discuss."

[Clerk's note: the change requested was made to the January 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes.]

VOTE: The regular meeting minutes were approved as amended.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman spoke to concerns regarding the public process, requested a Motion for Reconsideration regarding approval of January 19, 2016 minutes to correct his statements, and complimented AAB on public process.

The board requested clarification from Mr. Haberman. Mr. Haberman reiterated his concerns regarding accuracy of his statements in the minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Pannone made a motion to reconsider approval of the January 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Stanley seconded.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider passed with no objection.

[Clerk's note: the change requested was made to the January 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes.]

VI. STAFF/AGENCY/BOARD REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Transportation Advisory Board (Mr. David Lundin)

Mr. Lundin gave a brief report on the presentation presented at the Transportation Advisory Board by the Alaska Department of Transportation on illumination of state roads.

B. Matanuska Susitna Borough (Ms. Sara Jansen, MSB Planner II, Ms. Jessica Smith, Transportation Planner)

A brief introduction of Ms. Willcox, the new Aviation Advisory Board clerk was made.

Ms. Jansen gave a brief presentation and overview of the 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process, including the project timeline, nomination period and vetting process. She stated that suggestions from the Aviation Advisory Board are welcome. She

also clarified projects for Willow and Talkeetna were the same as both exhibit the same need.

C. City of Houston

(No representative in attendance.)

D. City of Palmer

(No representative in attendance)

E. City of Wasilla

(No representative in attendance)

F. DOWL (Mr. Chris Cole, Aviation Planner)

Mr. Cole gave a status update on the Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) Phase 2.

VII. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Draft Schedule for the 2016 Aviation Advisory Board (Ms. Jessica Smith)

Ms. Smith introduced the draft schedule for the Aviation Advisory Board with goals and priorities. She informed the board that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (SoA DOT&PF) will potentially be on the agenda for the August meeting, spoke to the need for a broader education of the public on aviation and the Aviation Advisory Board goals, suggested adding the transportation fair to the fall meeting schedule.

B. Talkeetna Airport (Mr. David Palmer)

Mr. Palmer introduced a discussion on a float plane lane for the Talkeetna Airport and stated that the State of Alaska may be putting it in its Master Plan, and requested an update from Ms. Smith.

Ms. Smith noted the need for the Talkeetna Community Council to officially request a float plane lane.

Mr. Palmer requested the board keep the float plane lane issue on the agenda.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION (Ms. Jessica Smith)

Ms. Smith introduced the following items:

A. Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) Plane Talk Newsletter, Winter 2015-2016;
B. April 14, 2016 Aviation Advisory Board Meetings Deadlines Schedule for agenda and packet items; and
C. Requested board members encourage applications to fill Seat 8.

IX. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Stanley stated we've talked about future airports and long term stuff, but it's important to remember the airports we have and that we have even less funding, and is worried about whether or not our airports will grow. He stated that anything we can do to keep that at the forefront would be good, and any education on the importance of aviation in Alaska we can do would be beneficial. It takes a lot of consideration from everyone, even from non-aviators to allow that to happen.

Mr. Pannone stated he sits on the Board of Trustees for the Aviation Heritage Museum in Anchorage and would like to remind the board that the Hall of Fame is on the 18th of March at the old Reeve hangar on Merrill Field. They will be honoring some of the older pilots who've been around, in particular Dick Betz and his wife.

Mr. Stigar let Ms. Smith know that he forwarded the email to Debbie as he didn't have Ms. Smith's email address, and it looks like they (Alaska Civil Military Aviation Council, ACMAC) meet in November and May.

Mr. Chance apologized for being quiet, having ear issues. He stated he is on the board of Alaska Air Carriers Association and he keeps hearing about funding issues and the need for equipment maintenance. There's not much federal funding coming in to Alaska for aviation. If the airport in Talkeetna is to be funded, perhaps an approach would be as an economic driver, not just a float plane base. Sometimes the economic development aspect gets more traction. Look forward to working with the Board.

Mr. Lundin welcomed Mr. Chance to the board. Stated he wants to make sure we invite the representatives from the municipal airports to the meetings. It would be good to hear from them occasionally about what they are doing.

Mr. Palmer agreed that the municipal airports need to be put back on the agenda and stated he had no further comments.

X. NEXT MEETING

A. Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2016
DSJ Building, Assembly Chambers
2:30 p.m.

B. April 14, 2016 Agenda Items

Reconsideration of the January 19, 2016 minutes

XI. ADJOURNMENT

XII. MOTION: Motion to Adjourn (Mr. Pannone, Mr. Stanley)

Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm.

APPROVED:

6/9/16

Mr. ~~David Palmer~~, ~~Vice~~ Chair
(~~acting for Chair~~)
A. Giddings

Date

ATTEST:

6/9/16

Josi Willcox, AAB Clerk

Date

Minutes approved: