

**Aviation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2016 – Deadhorse, Alpine & Kuparuk Oil Field Tour**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Ryan at 11:04 a.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Board Members: Jim Dodson, Lee Ryan, Steve Strait, Frank Neitz, Dennis Parrish, Bob Hajdukovich, Mike Stedman, Earl Samuelson

DOT&PF: John Binder, Troy LaRue, Linda Bustamante, Tim Parault, Jeff Russell

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

Chairman Ryan – Welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Dennis Parrish for bringing the AAB to Deadhorse; providing an overview of the Shared Services operations; and the charter flights to both Alpine and Kuparuk River Oil Fields.

Deputy Commissioner Binder Remarks and Discussion:

Airline Operations outside of Airport Hours – the department is now tracking overtime and will be discussing these costs with air carriers and how best to cover them.

A/C Registration – the department wants to know the number and type of aircraft based in specific areas of the state. This information will be used to better plan for airport system development, capacity, and understand airport needs, use, or demand. The FAA uses based aircraft count to help make AIP funding decisions.

The board discussed adding the based aircraft field to the existing FAA registration form. DC Binder is sending white paper to all board members with more information.

Airport Divestment – looking at models to review turning over airports to local communities for management.

State Budget – cuts to the DOT&PF budget have been fairly transparent to the public mostly because of the mild winters and the ability of regions to reduce commodities and cut overtime. Aviation hasn't specifically been targeted but there is legislative intent to cut aviation 5% for FY18. Any further reductions that may impact airport operations will be discussed with air carriers. The fuel tax discussion was amended to exempt both ANC and FAI which left only a few carriers operating in rural Alaska to pay the fuel tax which might generate \$800,000 - \$1 Million. Board asked if the legislature is not considering a fuel tax what other options are there. There was a question about increasing fuel flowage fees and implementing user fees at airports.

Board Discussion –

Steve Strait presented a draft letter to Governor Walker from the Board supporting DOT&PF establish an aviation division to include other departments currently reporting

to regions. After some discussion, Steve moved to first send the letter to the DOT&PF Commissioner, Mike seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Board traveled with Shared Services to Alpine and Kuparuk River Oil Fields.