



**Virginia Aviation Board
Meeting Minutes**

The Virginia Aviation Board conducted a meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 25, 2006 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia 24016

ATTENDEES

Roger L. Oberndorf, Chairman	Present
Richard C. Franklin, Jr.	Present
Larry T. Omps	Absent
Robert S. Dix	Present
William J. Kehoe	Present
Marianne M. Radcliff , Vice Chairman	Present
Alan L. Wagner	Present

OTHER ATTENDEES

John J. Beall, Jr.	Counsel
Randall Burdette	Director, Department of Aviation (DOAV)
Terry Page	FAA-Present

DOAV Staff, Federal Government Representatives, Airport Managers and Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, and City & County Representatives.

**1. Call to Order.....Roger L. Oberndorf
Chairman**

2. June Minutes Approved

3. Reports/Announcements:

**a. DOAV Report.....Randall Burdette
DOAV**

Mr. Burdette updated the attendees on the Department's activities and aviation cross the Commonwealth.

**b. FAA Report.....Terry Page
FAA**

AIP grant fund is a little over \$70 million. The last grants have already gone out, please execute and mail back to the FAA ASAP. They have lost money due to the hurricane last year and money has also been put aside this year for hurricane relief also.

- b. Virginia Airport Operators Council Report (VAOC).....James E. Bennett
President VAOC**

Mr. Bennett gave short presentation on the VAOC and the economic impact that Dulles and Reagan have in Virginia.

4. Old Business:

5. New Business:

- a. Allocations from the Commonwealth Airport FundMike Swain
DOAV**

All Department recommendations were approved by the Board.

Region 5

William Tuck one-half (\$173 ,000) at the request allocated now and taken out of the Maintenance Program and the general aviation discretionary balance awarded to them as money continues to become available. Moved and approved. William Tuck does not compete they go to head of the list until they're made whole.

Region 6

Mr. Franklin abstained from voting on Emporia. Mr. Dix made the motion to approve recommendations and the board approved.

Region 7

Motion and Approved. Hampton Roads be reinstated for their requested funds by coming into compliance by November 30th. (Obstructions)

Mr. Johnson commented on the obstruction issue. Just be careful how you handle this and safety is the primary issue.

Mr. Franklin commented safety is an important to everything we do. He had trouble over this problem. He can see that the board is trying to balance safety with common sense and this is the best decision they can make.

Mr. Wagner indorses safety 100%. Money should not be released until the airport is safe and the obstructions cleared or the appropriate mediation is made. A motion will be made to hopefully keep this from happening again.

Mr. Dix commented when they displace the threshold it brings the airport into compliance and there is no obstacle intrusion with the displaced threshold. The airport has become safe at that point.

Mr. Wagner commented the clearing of the obstruction as being the primary goal not the displacement of the threshold.

Mr. Dix made a motion regarding helping clarify the issue of obstructions and funding in the conflict area.

Motion

Require the sponsors to give the board documentation that the obstruction does not exist. Certification from either a photo slope or a 5010 survey by the state, or a survey by a registered surveyor on site that there are no obstructions before they file this application and give them 60 days if they are notified of an obstruction that they have 60 days in which to rectify the situation.

Is there period of time that the survey would be considered valid? 12 months for anything that has been done by the State or photo slope and if you have that 12 months prior to the application then it will be accepted (Obstruction Free) but the main thing about the photo slopes it gives the sponsor the ability to spot pending growth into their obstruction area and they need to address that immediately.

Staff comments:

Mr. Burnette commented that the Department staffs are not licensed surveyors. The Department goes out and does a quality control type of survey to give you more magnitude of potential obstructions. His understanding of the motion is a 12 month period you request funding you would have had a 5010 survey completed by someone, a state licensing survey by the Department or a current photo slope document in hand or you can go out an survey yourself and use State maintenance funds to pay for it. Basically you have to have one of those four documents in your hand current before the Department can recommend funding to the board. Mr. Wagner agrees to this statement.

Motion Approved by the Board.

6. Public Comment Period: None

7. Board Member Comments and Reports:

Mr. Oberndorf thanked Mr. Johnson for returning for this meeting to present his region.

Mr. Wagner commented on the first meeting held on Virginia Airport Manual Advisory Committee this is a very good first step to promote safety and business. These meetings will be held in conjunction with the Virginia Aviation Board meetings.

8. Adjourn Meeting at 9:55 a.m.