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**NEVADA AVIATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 16, 2008
1:30 p.m.

NDOT Headquarters
Third Floor Conference Room
1263 So. Stewart Street
Carson City, NV

MINUTES

Carson City:

Charlie Gronda, Pahrump Airport Planning
Keith Kallman, Minden-Tahoe Airport
Dan Burkhart, National Business AV Assoc
Gene Etcheverry, Lander County Airports
Steve Woodbury, Nevada Commission of Tourism
Samantha Stone, NV Taxpayers Association
Lissa Butterfield, Reno-Tahoe Airport Auth.

Jim Clague, PBS&J
Robin Hunt, FAA/ADO
Steve Tackes, NAMA/NATAC
Kay Bennett, Silver Springs Airport
John Sanders, Aries Consultants
Stacy Howard, AOPA

Las Vegas:

Pamela Jenson, Clark County Airport Prog. Admin.
Carol Vilardo, NV Taxpayers Association

Elko:

Trent Moyers, Elko Airport Director
Lynn Forsberg, Elko County

NDOT:

Tracy Larkin-Thomason, Ass't. Director-Planning
Bill Thompson, Aviation Coordinator
Jim Mallery, Transit Manager
Matt Furedy, Aviation
Paula Morton, Planning Administration

Tonopah:

Jim Braswell, Lobbyist/Consultant

Call to order and determination of quorum*

Jim Mallery of NDOT introduced Tracy Larkin-Thomason, the new Assistant Director of the Planning and Research Division.

Charlie Gronda called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present. All members introduced themselves and the entities they represent.

Item 1: Approval of September 13, 2006 meeting minutes*

John Sanders indicated a revision on page, 2, paragraph two, to connect the word *site* in sentences two and three. Stacy Howard made a motion to approve the September 13, 2006 meeting minutes as revised. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 2: Public Comment:

None

Item 3: Update of Bylaws

Charlie Gronda referred to the revised Bylaws that were distributed to the members. Charlie noted that the Nevada Airport Managers Association (NAMA) has been renamed the Nevada Airport Association (NvAA). Language revisions were added to Items A-3 and C-1 on page 2. Steve Tackes made a motion to approve the updated Bylaws. Stacy Howard seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Steve Tackes noted additional corrections on the third page of the Bylaws. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the amended Bylaws was approved.

Charlie Gronda suggested moving to agenda Item 5 at this time.

Item 5: Comments from the Nevada Commission on Tourism

Steve Woodbury, Chief Deputy Government Affairs & Administration with the Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT), provided a presentation. Mr. Woodbury stated that the 2000 Legislature established the Nevada Air Service Development Commission of which members would have established the Nevada Air Services Development Fund, from which the Commission would award grants to small airports in the state to recruit and retain regional commercial air service. The measure failed but session SB-579 passed which included a similar scaled down provision that called for the same grant program and appropriated \$500,000 from the general fund that NCOT would create regulations to administer the program. The regulations became effective in April 2008. Because of current budget cuts, the \$500,000 was reverted back to the general fund and the Commission on Tourism was asked to put up \$100,000 of lodging tax to fund the program which was done in May 2008. Because no applications were received at the end of the fiscal year, \$100,000 was reverted back to Tourism's reserve category. The Nevada Commission on Tourism receives 3/8 of 1% statewide lodging tax revenue to fund their programs. The Commission promotes markets and advertises the state to increase travel and tourism in the state from both domestic and international markets. The FY 2009 budget shortfall looks to be approximately \$2M so there will not be funding for the Nevada Air Service Grant Program. Mr. Woodbury concluded the presentation. Discussion followed.

Item 4: Summary of the 2007 Parsons Brinckerhoff report "Study to Identify Sustainable Funding for the Nevada Fund for Aviation."*

Charlie Gronda referred to the *Study to Identify Sustainable Funding for the Nevada Fund for Aviation* which was distributed to the members at the meeting. Steve Tackes provided background on how a sustainable source of revenue for the Nevada Aviation Trust Fund came about. Parsons Brinckerhoff had focused on aviation fuel tax, registration fees and property taxes. Discussion followed. Stacy Howard and Jim Mallery both noted the need to look at long-

term sustainable funding. There was discussion on using aviation fuel tax, government appropriation and personal property taxes on aircraft as potential funding sources. Steve Tackes noted how personal property taxes on aircraft are used to support the Carson City Airport.

Jim Braswell suggested that the airport people talk to county officials to find out what percentage of personal property tax goes directly to the general fund and send the information to him and he will assist each county airport. The Department of Taxation could provide the breakdown for each county. Stacy Howard made a motion that the Committee recommend that NDOT make a report to the upcoming Legislature identifying aircraft property taxes as a sustainable source for aviation funding in the future. Dan Burkhart seconded the motion. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Item 6: Nevada Aviation License Plate Trust fund, Matching Funds for Airports and Agreement

Bill Thompson of NDOT stated that 800 aviation license plates were sold when the license plate was active. The plate is now deactivated but seventh in line to be reactivated. Legislative language is to be rewritten this session. The license plate generated \$2,200 in 2005, \$17,000 in 2006, \$43,000 in 2007 and \$53,222 so far in 2008, which includes the Treasurer's interest. Projections for 2009 include an additional \$22,000 for renewals and interest. Bill explained the procedure for moving up on the list to be reactivated.

Item 7: Nominations and Election of NATAC Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Charlie Gronda opened nominations for the election of NATAC Chairman. Stacy Howard nominated Trent Moyers for Chairman. Dan Burkhart seconded the nomination. Stacy Howard moved to close the nominations. A vote was taken and the nomination of Trent Moyers for Chairman was unanimous.

Charlie Gronda opened nominations for the election of NATAC Vice-Chairman. Dan Burkhart nominated Keith Kallman for Vice-Chairman. Jim Clague seconded the nomination. Keith Kallman nominated Kay Bennett for Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded. Keith Kallman declined the nomination. A vote was taken and the nomination of Kay Bennett for Vice-Chairman was unanimous.

Item 8: Adjournment

Dan Burkhart requested to agendaize the discussion of new members at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2009 and is to coincide with the NvAA (Nevada Airport Association) Conference. Discussion followed.

Charlie Gronda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Kallman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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