

## Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 8 January 2016

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance (RASA) was held on 8 January 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cyber Innovation Center, 6300 East Texas Street, Bossier City, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by G.B. Cazes at 9:08 a.m. Present at the meeting were the following board members: G.B. Cazes, Jerri de Pingre, Quintin Harris, Mike McSwain, Steve Roop, and Tim Wilhite constituting a majority of members of the current board of directors and a quorum. Aaron Paul was not present but gave his proxy to Jerri de Pingre prior to the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Kamesha West, Kristen Brown, and JoAnn Marshall.

On the motion of Tim Wilhite, seconded by Mike McSwain, it was proposed that the minutes for the board of directors meeting held on 11 December 2015 be adopted. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

On the motion of Quintin Harris, seconded by Jerri de Pingre, it was proposed that RASA executive committee consist of the following board members:

- 1. G.B. Cazes (President)
- 2. Quintin Harris (Secretary)
- 3. Jerri de Pingre (Treasurer)
- 4. Mike McSwain
- 5. Steve Roop

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

On the motion of Steve Roop, seconded by Mike McSwain, it was proposed that RASA finance committee consist of the following board members:

- 1. G.B. Cazes
- 2. Tim Wilhite
- 3. Steve Roop

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present. The treasurer will also attend the finance committee meetings.

On the motion of Tim Wilhite, seconded by Jerri de Pingre, it was proposed that RASA accept Bossier Chamber of Commerce's official appointment via letter of Mike McSwain as its voting representative and Barry Regula as its non-voting liaison. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

On the motion of Steve Roop, seconded by Mike McSwain, it was proposed that RASA accept Minden Chamber of Commerce's official appointment via letter of Jerri de Pingre as its voting representative and Jeff Lee, Minden Chamber of Commerce board chair, as is its non-voting liaison. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

On the motion of Mike McSwain, seconded by Jerri de Pingre, it was proposed that RASA accept Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation's official appointment via letter of Tim Wilhite as its voting representative. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

On the motion of Tim Wilhite, seconded by Mike McSwain, it was proposed that RASA accept the Cyber Innovation Center's official appointment via letter of G.B. Cazes as its voting representative. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

Letters are still need from the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, African-American Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber of Commerce of a surrounding parish (Lincoln).

Tim Wilhite indicated that all liaisons must submit a conflict of interest form if they have not already done so.

Jerri de Pingre provided an update of the RASA financials and stated that the check to Deveney for its services has been sent and a check for the insurance policy will be mailed today.

G.B. Cazes provided the board with an update on a meeting he attended on 11 December 2015 with Tim Wilhite, Mark Crawford, Bill Cooksey, and Henry Thompson, the new Director of Airports for the Shreveport Air Authority. The group also discussed scheduling a meeting with an airport consultant to learn about the state of the airline industry and opportunity/challenges facing the Shreveport Regional Airport. Potential dates were discussed, and the meeting was tentatively scheduled for 29 January 2016 at a location to be determined. The Shreveport Airport Authority offered to provide its consultant's services.

The board also discussed a desire to learn more from the community regarding air service needs. In order to obtain this information, the board decided to create a survey that would be distributed to the region's chambers of commerce and their members. The survey will provide information about the Shreveport Regional Airport.

G.B. Cazes proposed that the Board of Directors meet on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 February 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cyber Innovation Center. Calendar invitations will be sent electronically.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Jerri de Pingre (Treasurer)

G.B. Cazes (President)