



**Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
11 December 2015**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance (RASA) was held on December 11, 2015, 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. Present at the meeting were the following board members: G.B. Cazes, Jerri de Pingre, Aaron Paul, and Doug Postel constituting a majority of members of the current board of directors and a quorum. Also present at the meeting were Mike McSwain, Tim Wilhite, and JoAnn Marshall.

G.B. Cazes, President, provided the board with an update on the passing of the hotel-motel tax proposition, which passed with a 72%-28% majority 21 November 2015. As a result, RASA will now receive a portion of the tax proceeds each month, starting in January 2016. The amounts will vary from month to month depending on hotel-motel occupancy.

On the motion of Jerri de Pingre, seconded by Aaron Paul, it was proposed to ratify an action to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement (CEA) with the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau to collect the tax. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

On the motion of Doug Postel, seconded by Aaron Paul, it was proposed that the minutes for the board of directors meeting held on 17 July 2015, be adopted. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

On the motion of Doug Postel, seconded by Jerri de Pingre, it was proposed that RASA invest in non-profit organization, small business multi-coverage insurance policy at a cost of \$3,000 or less. The insurance policy will be reviewed on an annual basis. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

Jerri de Pingre provided a summary of the RASA financials, and stated that one check needs to be written to Deveney for its services. Tim Wilhite agreed to file the 2015 tax return in January.

Tim Wilhite provided an overview of necessary changes and clarifications to the RASA bylaws to include the following:

- Change of physical address to 710 Benton Road, Second Floor, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111;
- Correction of 501c3 to 501c4 in document;
- Determination of Directors
- Clarification of no compensation for the board of directors with the exception of necessary travel expenses when attending RASA functions that are approved by the board;
- Definition of terms to a period of three years;
- Clarification of the definition of the executive committee;
- Clarification of which organizations can appoint voting board members; and
- Clarification of which organizations can appoint non-voting liaisons to RASA.

On a motion by Jerri de Pingre, seconded by Aaron Paul, it was proposed that the voting board of directors consist of individuals from the following organizations:

1. Bossier Chamber of Commerce;
2. Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce;
3. Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce;
4. Minden/South Webster Chamber of Commerce;
5. Chamber of Commerce of a surrounding parish (DeSoto, Red River, Lincoln, or Natchitoches);
6. Cyber Innovation Center; and
7. Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation.

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

On a motion by Jerri de Pingre, seconded by Aaron Paul, it was proposed that the non-voting liaisons consist of individuals from the following organizations:

1. Bossier Chamber of Commerce;
2. Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce;
3. Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce;
4. Minden/South Webster Chamber of Commerce;
5. Chamber of Commerce of a surrounding parish (DeSoto, Red River, Lincoln, or Natchitoches);
6. Bossier City or Bossier Parish;
7. City of Shreveport or Caddo Parish;

8. Chamber of Commerce from the East Texas area;
9. Chamber of Commerce from the Southwest Arkansas;
10. Shreveport Regional Airport Director;
11. Military Representative (Barksdale Forward, Military Affairs Council, or Barksdale Air Force Base)
12. RASA Past President.

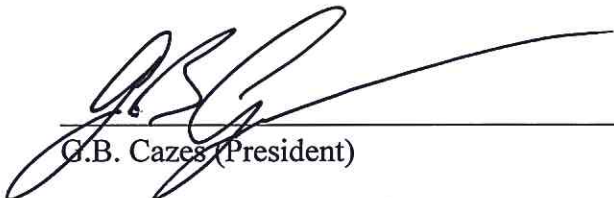
The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the board members present.

G.B. Cazes proposed that the Board of Directors meet on a monthly basis. The next meeting is tentively scheduled for 15 January 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cyber Innovation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Jerri de Pingre (Treasurer)



G.B. Cazes (President)