

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 27th, 2009

The Macon County Airport Authority met on January 27th, 2009, in its offices at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Member Schmitt was not present. All other members were present. Also present were Bobby Koppers, Macon County Commissioner; Eric Rysdon, W.K. Dickson; Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; and Bill Drummond, Dan Shue, and Tom Stovall, interested citizens. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Haithcock, seconded by Member Jenkins, the minutes of the meeting held December 30th, 2008 were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Bill Drummond of the Smoky Mountain Flying Club speaks with the Authority regarding long-term plans for the airport to include the Club building a hangar for club meetings. Chair Gregory states that this request will be taken under consideration as the engineers develop a future development plan for the airport. Mr. Drummond also asks if the authority is interested in helping to sponsor a "fly-in" at the airport. Chair Gregory states that the runway construction will be started in the early spring, and will take some time to complete, so uninterested in sponsoring a program this year. He also states that the authority will be interested in participating in the future. Mr. Drummond also asks if a member of the Airport Authority will attend their club meeting on 2/6/09 @ 3:00 pm. Chair Gregory states that he will attend.

AGENDA ITEM #3: UPDATE ON EA: Eric Rysdon, engineer, states that the EA has been submitted and they are currently waiting on the final FONZIE from the Clearinghouse. Once the Clearinghouse signs off, the EA will be finalized. Member Jenkins asks if still adhering to the recovery timeline, with Mr. Rysdon stating that they are. Chair Gregory asks if mitigation still "on track", and asks Mr. Rysdon to follow up with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding status.

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL IN FRONT OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING: Member Haithcock states that he has spoken with Mr. Carpenter, a tree removal expert, who is agreeable to removing the subject trees. Mr. Carpenter is to submit an estimate to Member Haithcock. Once the estimate is submitted to Member Haithcock, he will poll authority members by phone in order to obtain input regarding cost estimate.

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AGENDA ITEM #5: PERSONNEL/CONTRACTUAL MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chair Gregory asks to move this to the last item of this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS:
Chair Gregory states that the hangar financing issue is moving along, with a meeting having been scheduled with Jack Horton, County Manager, to review the Local Government Commission guidelines. He also expresses appreciation to FBO Hoppe for submitting the letter regarding current hangar revenue.

After a discussion, it is decided that Chair Gregory and Member Haithcock will attend the N.C. Association of Airports annual meeting to be held in Concord, NC on April 29th-May 1st, 2009.

Member Jenkins states that he will contact terminal building decorator to obtain information regarding blinds for the airport conference room. Member Haithcock presents the contract for audit for 2009 by Martin Starnes for review. After a discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to execute and agree to the contract. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by

unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #5: PERSONNEL/CONTRACTUAL MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Member Jenkins, seconded by Member Corbin, and upon unanimous approval, the Authority convenes to executive session at 4:40 pm to discuss personnel and contractual matters. After a discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to return to open session at 5:29 pm. Member Corbin seconds the motion, which is approved by unanimous consent. Upon reconvening in open session, Member Jenkins makes a motion to hire Joe Collins to replace Monty Beck as the Airport Authority legal counsel. Member Corbin seconds the nomination, which passes by unanimous consent.

There being no further business, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Corbin seconds the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Haithcock, Secretary