

**Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on October 26, 2010**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, NC. All members are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Peggy Milton and Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; Colin McCandless, The Franklin Press; and Davin Eldridge, The Macon County News.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2010:** After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Rysdon states that the extension construction has started and is progressing well. Mr. Rysdon reports that the scheduling of the displaced threshold while the pipe is laid over the runway will involve issuing nodums, and that there will have to be a ten (10) day advance notice in connection with issuing the nodum. Mr. Rysdon states that he will help FBO Hoppe coordinate it. It is expected that a portion of the runway will be temporarily closed in about two (2) weeks for two (2) to three (3) days.

Mr. Rysdon also reports that a soccer field may be constructed on adjoining property and that this construction site may provide a potential borrow site for the extension project construction.

Mr. Rysdon also states that the Army Corp. of Engineers visited the site, and that Russ Townsend from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians also has visited the site in order to conduct a reburial of any effects held in Steve Claggett's office, and that he appears to be pleased regarding the progress of the project.

**UPDATE ON HANGAR PROJECT:** FBO Hoppe states that there are fifteen (15) names on the waiting list for hangar space at this time. Chair Gregory states that he has spoken with Lewis Penland and Terry Bell regarding using fill dirt from the new school construction site for fill on the eastern end of the airport. The fill dirt can be safely transported across the runway end. This site is very convenient to the airport, and will require very little transport distance. There is no cost for the fill dirt. Chair Gregory also states that prior to filling the area, Parks Preston of the FAA has suggested that TRC, who has done the EA for the runway extension project, be hired to do a Phase 1 archeological survey of the seven (7) acre tract that is the proposed site for new hanger construction. He states that TRC has submitted a potential budget for this project, which Chair Gregory

presents to the Board. After further discussion, Member Jenkins makes a motion to accept the said proposal for the archeological survey as presented by TRC, which proposal is not to exceed the cost of five thousand six hundred seventy four (\$5,674.00) dollars. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Said proposal is attached to these minutes. The dirt should be ready to be moved within two (2) weeks.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chair Gregory reports that there is a hole that has been cut into the perimeter fence at the east end of the airport. FBO Hoppe states that this hole actually appeared a couple of years ago, and was fixed temporarily by Macon County maintenance staff. Chair Gregory states that he will ask the county maintenance department to repair the fence.

Member Haithcock asks Mr. Rysdon about the possibility of having Buchanan and Son employees remove the trees from the end of the runway. Mr. Rysdon will ask the contractors to see if they are interested.

FBO Hoppe reports that the airport is in good working order with the exception of the emergency shut off switch for the pump. Member Haithcock will speak with Baumgartners regarding repairs.

Chair Gregory asks that the Clerk prepare a letter of appreciation from the MCAA to Steve Ledford of Macon County Maintenance, for his dedication to the upkeep of the airport grounds.

Mr. Rysdon states that he is preparing the advertisement for the RFQ process. Ms. McDowell states that she has sent the necessary information to Project Manager, Jennifer Fuller and is awaiting further instructions.

It is determined that the MCAA sponsored Christmas Dinner will be scheduled for Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, which motion is seconded by Member Haithcock. The motion passes by unanimous consent and the meeting is adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock  
Secretary  
Macon County Airport Authority