

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 27, 2015

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on October 27, 2015. All members are present. Also present are Legal Counsel, Joe Collins; Finance Director, Lori Hall; Clerk, Teresa McDowell; airport FBO, Neil Hoppe; Ryan Hanchett, The Franklin Press; Bobby Coggins, Macon Media; Robert Bruner; Andrew Plouse; Bob Beaty; and Tom Stovall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2015: After a discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Rhodes seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

AIRPORT SECURITY PROPOSAL: Jim Anelo: Mr. Anelo, defers to Mr. Andy Plouse, the Chapter President of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), who, in turn, introduces his colleagues, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Bruner and Mr. Stovall. He continues by explaining that their association is interested in collaborating with the MCAA in order to have a “fly in” event. He states that he thinks the EAA and the MCAA can work together for the future of aviation in Macon County, and to renew interest in aviation for the youth of Macon County. Mr. Plouse continues by stating that he would like to see an event planned which includes camping, music, vendors and food. He states that this event could be planned for mid-summer. It is agreed that there are several security challenges in connection to holding this type of event, and the EEA are seeking assistance with dealing with the logistics of the operation. It is discussed that there will be on-going construction at the airport when the apron rehabilitation project starts, and that planning this event should be planned for after the construction is completed. Chair Gregory states that the project engineer would have a better timeline of when the rehabilitation project will be started, and continues by stating that the MCAA sponsored an airshow four (4) years ago, and it was not profitable, but that it was well attended and enjoyed by community members. He continues by stating that he is certainly willing to consider any type event that would promote the airport. He states that there are several considerations including insurance, and that these type issues should be discussed with Mr. Collins. Mr. Plouse states that this is not considered a fund raiser for the EAA, and Member Schmitt states that it is very important to get young people involved in aviation. He continues by suggesting that perhaps the EAA and the folks who presented the idea of a hot air balloon event get together regarding this issue.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Luther does not attend the meeting due to illness. The engineering report will be reviewed at the next scheduled MCAA meeting.

OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING/MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock states that he and the electrician have met with Duke Power in connection to electrical right of ways and repair of the lines leading to some of the obstruction lights. He continues by stating that all the batteries for the lights will need to be replaced at \$140.00 per battery. He states that solar lights are the preferred method, but that they are expensive. Work will continue on all the lights, but the turbo lights will be so expensive to replace, they will leave those for last, and will repair the lights at Trimont Mountain Estate and Barnard

Road next. Member Haithcock continues by stating that Macon County staff is doing a good job with mowing of the airport grounds. Chair Gregory thanks Member Haithcock for his hard work.

KIOSK ADVERTISING: Member Jenkins states that he has met with Highlands Media Works and that they are lowering their initial cost for the installation of the advertising kiosk. He continues by stating that the system may be purchased for \$850.00. He states that they still need to work out some details. Chair Gregory thanks Member Jenkins for his hard work, and states that, hopefully, a revenue stream will be generated as the project progresses.

PROPOSAL FOR WEATHER CHECK/SECURITY CAMERAS: Member Rhodes presents a second quote for the potential purchase of security/weather check cameras to be installed at the Macon County Airport. R&H Technologies has issued the lowest bid, and Member Rhodes recommends them as the potential contractor. There are four (4) cameras involved, two (2) of which will be pointed at runways 7 and 25. Ms. Hall informs the MCAA that there is \$43,000.00 available in fund balance, and that if they determine that they want to purchase the cameras, a budget amendment will need to be done. After further discussion, Member Schmitt makes a motion to amend the budget to provide \$4,588.00 for the purchase of security/weather cameras through R&H Technologies. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

DRIVEWAY REPAIR: Member Rhodes has donated materials to repair the road damaged by the placing of the rotating beacon. He states that the driveway repair will be done by next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Haithcock reports that FBO Hoppe has forwarded a check to the MCAA for \$3,242.53 for the Lease Payment, October 2015. The supporting documentation is attached. Member Haithcock has deposited the check.

Member Haithcock states that the NCAA has a meeting scheduled for 11/6/2015 in Hickory, NC and suggests that someone from the MCAA attend.

After a discussion, the date for the MCAA annual Christmas dinner is set for December 3rd or the 10th at 6:00 p.m. A potential conflict will be checked and then the date chosen.

There being no further business to discuss, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmitt seconds the motion which passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock-Secretary