

Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held October 30th, 2007

The Macon County Airport Authority held its regular meeting on October 30th, 2007 in its offices located at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Member Schmitt. Also present were Monty Beck, Legal Counsel for the Airport Authority, Teresa McDowell, Macon County, Eric Rhysdon, W.K. Dickson, Parks Preston, FAA,; and Neal Hoppe, airport Fixed Base Operator.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes for the meeting held July 31st, 2007 were unanimously approved. Upon motion by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes for the meeting held September 25th, 2007 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION OF TIP APPLICATION: Steve Walker of W.K. Dickson was not available for the meeting. This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5: APPROVAL/DISCUSSION OF EASTERN BAND/AA MOA: At 4:40, upon motion by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Jenkins, the Authority unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and the Macon County Airport Authority. After a discussion, Member Jenkins made a motion that the Authority re-convene in open session at 5:06 p.m. Member Corbin seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. Chair Gregory stated that no action was taken in executive session, but that he wanted to express the appreciation of the Airport Authority to Parks Preston for his assistance with this matter.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION OF VISION 100 GRANT-36237.1.9.1-USE OF FUNDING: Chair Gregory stated that this grant does not expire until 2011, and project development utilizing this grant will be discussed at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #7: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO PLAN CHRISTMAS DINNER: After a discussion, the Airport Authority scheduled its Christmas dinner for Thursday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m at the Macon County Airport. Teresa McDowell and Peggy Milton were appointed to make arrangements for the dinner. It was decided that no entertainment is necessary this year and that Fat Buddies Restaurant will be contacted regarding catering dinner. Chair Gregory will contact Fat Buddies staff to make arrangements. Member Jenkins made a motion to use the occasion of the Christmas dinner to express appreciation to outgoing County Manager, Sam Greenwood, and to award a plaque expressing appreciation to Mr. Greenwood. Member Corbin seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEM #8: OTHER BUSINESS: Member Haithcock stated that he has been approached by D-Net internet service, expressing interest in installing a receiver for wireless internet service on an existing beacon tower. Legal Counsel, Monty Beck suggests that D-Net submit a proposal in writing for the Airport Authority to consider. After a discussion, Member Corbin made a motion to table this matter until such time as legal counsel, DOT and FAA can review a written proposal

from D-Net. Member Haithcock seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent. Member Haithcock will approach D-Net regarding submitting a written proposal.

In regard to a previous request from the Flying Club, regarding installing a bulletin board for display of items of interest, Member Haithcock will approach Steve Ledford of Macon County maintenance regarding construction and installation of said bulletin board. In connection with Franklin Aviation, airport FBO, the insurance issue regarding the naming of Macon County and the Macon County Airport Authority as additional insured has been rectified. In connection with the taxiway lights which were not working, repairs have now been done. In connection with the two obstruction lights that are not working, Member Haithcock will check the lights to try to determine why they are not working. One light may be blocked by trees. Chair Gregory will speak to David Bradley about cutting the trees around the northwest end of the runway if necessary. There being no further business, Member Corbin made a motion to adjourn, with Member Haithcock seconding the motion which passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pete Haithcock