

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on November 24th, 2009

The Macon County Airport Authority meets on November 24th, 2009 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Members Jenkins and Schmitt are excused. All other members are present. Also present are Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Eric Rysdon, W.K. Dickson; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Neil Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; David Tell, Macon County News; Colin McCandless, The Franklin Press; Bob Poindexter and Teddy Rhodes. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Haithcock, the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 27th, 2009 are unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Bob Poindexter: Mr. Poindexter states that the area upon which the airport is located used to be a working farm. He also states that it was common to find arrowheads when the land was being farmed. He says that this area is one of the prettiest spots in Macon County and he is proud that the airport is located here.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE: The EA assessment is tabled until a future meeting due to the fact that Paul Webb of TRC is unable to attend this meeting.

ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE: Mr. Rysdon states that he attended the required Storm Water plan workshop. He states that DENR will eventually issue a general permit involving a storm water drainage permit plan for all airports. He also states that a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar fee will need to be submitted. Member Corbin makes a motion to advance funds in the amount of one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars to W.K. Dickson for the above referenced fee. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Mr. Rysdon also states that he has had a letter from the Army Corp. of Engineers which asks to extend the comment period deadline from November 30th to December 7th. Chair Gregory takes this opportunity to address some of the alleged comments submitted. He states that he is offended that the MCAA has been accused of trying to hide information about the public comment period from the people of Macon County. He states that the MCAA was unaware of the timing of the public comment session through the Army Corp. of Engineers. He states that a letter was mailed to him that was dated 10/29/09, but he did not receive it until 11/4/09 because it was mailed to the wrong address. He states that the MCAA has always conducted itself ethically and will continue to do so. Member Corbin states that the extension will not

disturb any remains, that without the research done by TRC, the information now available would never have been known and the Cherokees are appreciative of the work that has been done. Mr. Rysdon states that the Army Corp. of Engineers is the agency that is responsible for any notice of public comment, and that this process is not controlled by the MCAA. Mr. Rysdon states that after December 7th, the engineers will be sent a compilation of the comments submitted, and any unanswered questions will be forwarded to the engineers for clarification purposes

Mr. Rysdon states that the letter from Fish and Wildlife should be coming this week. Upon receipt the engineers should be able to get everything ready for the pre-construction of the stream. He also states that the geo-technician is ready to do tasks at the borrowed sites, and should get started immediately after the holidays. Mr. Rysdon states that TRC has completed their field work. They will now be working on the first summary report.

Mr. Rysdon reports that a mandatory meeting will be held on January 10th, 2010 to review each individual airport's TIP plan. Chair Gregory and Member Haithcock will attend.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Member Haithcock states that the budget line item for maintenance will soon be over extended, and he suggests that funding in the amount of two thousand (\$2000.00) dollars be moved from the gasoline, fuel and lubrication line item to the maintenance line item. Member Haithcock makes a motion to make adjustments to the budget as referenced above. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

UPDATE ON TREE REMOVAL/LANDSCAPING PROJECT: Member Haithcock states that the landscaping of the median in front of the terminal building will be finished at a cost of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars. He also states that the invoice for road clearing has been paid and the tree removal project looks good.

OTHER BUSINESS: After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to accept the 2009 Martin Starnes audit as submitted and to pay for any auditing related invoices as they become due. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

There being no further business, Member Haithcock makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary

