

Macon County Airport Authority  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 25th, 2008

The Macon County Airport Authority met on November 25th, 2008 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members were present. Also present were Eric Rysdon, W.K. Dickson; Neal Hoppe and Peggy Milton, airport FBO; Monty Beck, Legal Counsel; and Teresa McDowell, Clerk. Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Schmitt, the minutes of the meeting held October 28th, 2008 were unanimously approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION UPDATE ON EA: Eric Rysdon has been in contact with Steve Clagett of SHPO regarding an update on the actual data recovery process. He states that they should be able to "put out" for bids by the first of the year. He also states that the EA exhibits alternatives for hangars in connection with future construction. He states that he will submit this information to the Division of Aviation within the next week. Steve Clagett is providing Mr. Rysdon with a list of archeological firms who have experience in this type of project, and they will be considered in the RFP process.

AGENDA ITEM #4: HANGAR REPORT: Chair Gregory states that he has informally spoken with a couple of lending institutions regarding possible financing of hangars. Chair Gregory states that this is not an ideal time to finance this project, and he will check back with the banks in a month or so.

AGENDA ITEM #5: FINALIZE CHRISTMAS DINNER PLANS: Teresa McDowell and Peggy Milton state that the plans for the annual Airport Authority Christmas/Award Dinner are proceeding smoothly.

AGENDA ITEM #6: OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Rysdon states that the preparation of the TIP is proceeding and it will be ready for submission to the Division of Aviation within the upcoming two weeks. He distributed copies for review by the Airport Authority.

The parking curbs have been delivered and Macon County staff will install. Member Jenkins states that the Airport Historical Association is measuring windows at the terminal building for installation of shades.

Legal Counsel, Monty Beck, has submitted a letter of resignation to the Authority, stating that he will cease to represent the Airport Authority as of January 1, 2009. Chair Gregory and the Airport Authority joined in expressing their sincere appreciation for the excellent service provided by Mr. Beck, and their regrets regarding the resignation. In connection with the pavement rehabilitation currently needed at the airport, Eric Rysdon reports that Rick Barkes of the Division of Aviation has informally discussed providing the Macon County Airport with \$500,000.00 in funding for pavement rehabilitation. Currently 90% of the runway is considered to be in fair, but below average, condition. Member Schmitt suggests raising and overlaying the runway, so that 4600 feet will be in good repair. The runway construction project will not affect the runway overlay.

Chair Gregory reports that per Parks Preston, the ACHP have communicated that they will be signing the Airport Authority MOA.

Chair Gregory presents a letter from the Division of Aviation stating that the Division of Aviation has determined that any unused grant funds are to be awarded to counties who have active projects. Currently Macon County Airport has been awarded funding for the runway extension project, but construction has been delayed because of negotiations with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. Chair Gregory and Member Jenkins have contacted Representative Haire, Conrad Burrell and DOA Project Manager Jennifer Fuller regarding any potential loss of funding and have been assured that the funding for Macon County will be available when needed for the runway extension project. Chair Gregory states that he was informed on today's date, by Ms. Fuller, that the DOT has voted on the issue on this date, and the funding for Macon County is assured.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and by unanimous consent, the meeting is adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock, Secretary