

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on November 25th, 2014

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on November 25th, 2014 in its office at the Macon County Airport. All members were present. Also present are: Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jimmy Luther, Project Engineer; Jim Tate, Macon County Commissioner; and Lori Hall, Macon County Finance officer. Clerk, Teresa McDowell, is not present due to her mother passing away. The Board expresses their sentiments regarding this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 28TH, 2014: 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

ENGINEERING REPORT: Mr. Luther presents a report and states that the runway lighting project is basically complete. His firm has been awaiting the close-out documents but all seems to be in good order.

On October 31, 2014, Mr. Luther and Chair Gregory met with DOA Project Manager, Basil Yap. It was a very productive meeting. A positive result is that \$160,000.00 remaining from an earlier project will be rolled into the taxiway project, rather than being redistributed back to the Division of Aviation.

There was a discussion regarding the rotating beacon, and Mr. Luther presented a bid from Walker & Whiteside for \$9,800.00 and explained that this cost includes the beacon itself, as well as the installation.

Mr. Yap reported new guidelines have been adopted both federally and throughout the state. He explained that there is now a "categorical exclusion" documentation which can be handled at the engineering level.

An estimate has been presented from Viasala for installation of a new AWOS system for \$61,683.00, which includes the 111P system upgrade installation and re-commissioning. The paperwork involved will include a benefit costs analysis that must be completed. Mr. Luther stated that he felt that Macon County should have no problem meeting the criteria, but it takes time to process the paperwork and he is not sure of the timetable.

In connection to the taxiway project, there is now a new requirement which includes fillets, which are widened areas, and the Department of Aviation requires the specs to be modified to include these. Future projects may be affected as well.

Mr. Yap, Chairman Gregory and Mr. Luther discussed that the extended runway surface areas may possibly be funded as a new project.

There was a general discussion regarding the beacon lights. Finance Officer Hall requested that a copy of all bids be made for her, and Member Haithcock informed the MCAA that per Richard Lightner, a gentleman who works for UNC-TV is willing to look at these lights, regarding possible repair. He suggests that Mr. Lightner be contacted for more information.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Member Haithcock reports that a person by the name of Boatwright has agreed to bush hog the airport grounds in exchange for the cut hay. Member Haithcock continues by stating that he is doing a good job, and the MCAA agrees to continue allowing Mr. Boatwright to cut and remove the hay.

ADOPTION OF MACON COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE: After a discussion, Member Haithcock makes a motion to adopt the 2015 budget ordinance as presented by Ms. Hall. Member Jenkins seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Ms. Hall states that the ordinance can be amended if necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Gregory states that the meeting normally scheduled for December 30, 2014 is still scheduled for that date. He reserves the right to cancel the meeting if necessary.

Member Jenkins reports that his original contact with the kiosk area project is slow, and he has had to reach out to two (2) other groups. He hopes to have something positive to report at the January 2015 meeting.

Member Haithcock discusses obtaining quotes to do some rehabilitation work on the old hangar building, to include potential stripping and painting. Ms. Hall suggests that they obtain three bids.

Chair Gregory states that he has been contacted by a citizen complaining because drones were flying over his property. A discussion ensued whereas it was determined that the MCAA has no control or involvement in connection to these drones. FBO Hoppe also states that there are no drones flying from the Macon County Airport.

FBO Hoppe states that several bulbs in the hangar building need to be replaced, but that a bucket truck will be needed to reach them. He states that he will provide the material if the county can provide a truck or lift. Chair Gregory will check on obtaining the vehicle.

It is determined that the MCAA Christmas Dinner will be held on December 11, 2014.

There being no further business, Member Jenkins makes a motion to adjourn. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary