

**Macon County Airport Authority**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Members Schmitt and Jenkins are not present. All other members are present. Also present are: Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jim Tate, Macon County Commissioner; Travis Tallent, Macon County News and Richard Rhodes. Chair Gregory welcomes all present and calls the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2013:** After a discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to approve the minutes as forwarded. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** None

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Mr. Rysdon reports that he has spoken with the FAA staff in connection to the WAAS approach, and that they have reported that the airport does not meet current minimum requirements which are necessary in order to justify installing the WAAS system. Mr. Rysdon reports that this matter will be looked at again within the next year. Mr. Rhodes inquires as to the possibility of acquiring a step-down approach similar to the approach in Toccoa, Georgia which has a runway length of five thousand three hundred feet (5,300'). Mr. Rysdon states he will inquire about the possibility of a step-down approach.

Mr. Rysdon states that the TIP has been submitted and that the DOT staff is still looking at changes in the grant process for 2014. He also states that he is continuing to work with Project Manager Dion Viventi in connection to the approach certification. Mr. Rysdon states that a new Director of the DOT (Bobby Lawson) has been appointed and that he thinks it is a "good fit."

Mr. Rysdon also states that the non-primary funds (NPE) for 2013 can possibly be designated for repairing the obstruction and rotating beacon lights and possibly for the fuel farm upgrade.

Mr. Rysdon reports that the runway widening project is scheduled for a spring start.

Mr. Rysdon states that a single point fueling system is included in the TIP and that there is a definite advantage for the airport to have that type system available.

Mr. Rysdon states that he will be attending the Region 3 meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and that it is mandatory for one of the MCAA members to attend as well.

**LANDSCAPING REPORT:** Chairman Gregory reports that he has obtained an estimate for the needed landscaping in connection to the terminal building area.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Gregory states that he has been contacted by a Cherokee County Commissioner inquiring about the relationship between the MCAA and the County Commissioners, with Mr. Gregory stating that the MCAA has been in the position to accomplish many goals, with the support of the County

Commissioners and the working relationship which exists between the parties. He advises the Cherokee County Commissioner to be supportive of the airport authority in their region.

Chairman Gregory states that there will not be a regularly scheduled meeting in December, and that if an important decision is required in December, a special meeting will be called.

There being no further business, Member Corbin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Haithcock seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Pete Haithcock  
Secretary