

Macon County Airport Authority
Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on February 23, 2010

The Macon County Airport Authority meets on February 23rd, 2010 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. Member Schmitt is absent. 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; and Marla Dalrymple, Macon County News. There are several members of the public present. The members who have asked to speak during the public comment session are listed below. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion by Member Corbin, seconded by Member Jenkins, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 26, 2010 are unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Lucy Smarr: Ms. Smarr states that she is there as a supporter of the Friends of the Iotla Valley Group. She says she can access the minutes through the Macon County website, but that all people cannot. She asks how she can have access to the hard copies of the minutes. Chair Gregory states that she can meet with Ms. McDowell after the meeting to get instructions on how to access the hard copies.

David Ingle: Mr. Ingle is a new resident to the area. He states that he cannot understand why the extension cannot be built on the opposite end of the runway. He states that he is sure there are other options and that he is available if the MCAA would like to meet with him.

Julie Parrish: Ms. Parrish states she is there as a supporter of Save Iotla Valley, and is concerned about the runway extension project. She states that she would hate to see the airport “go commercial” and that she would hate to see the surrounding area turn into a “little Atlanta.”

Olga Pader: Ms. Pader states that she is resentful that engineer Eric Rysdon referred to the comments made in the public comment session at the last meeting as “not substantial”. She states that the comments made by interested members of the public are substantial. Ms. Pader reads from the letter sent by Lori Beckwith of the Army Corp. of the Engineers to the MCAA, which asks for additional information. Ms. Pader also states that all records pertaining to this project should be made public.

Rosemary Rohanic: Ms. Rohanic states that she was told at the last meeting that “you should never believe what is in the newspaper.” Ms. Rohanic asks the MCAA to turn over all records so she can determine what is true and what to believe. Member Jenkins tells Ms. Rohanic that not everyone on the MCAA has the same attitude regarding the

newspaper, and that the comment made is not a consensus of the MCAA. After further discussion it was determined that this comment was made by an attending member of the public during the last MCAA meeting, and not by a member of the MCAA.

Dolly Reed: Ms. Reed has composed a song that represents her feelings about the Iotla Valley. She reads a portion of the song, and then sings a portion of the song. The song speaks to keeping the Iotla Valley clean and beautiful, and emphasizes that the valley is “here to stay.”

ENGINEERING REPORT UPDATE: Mr. Rysdon states that he has been notified by Department of Water Quality and the state that they are adjusting some stormwater permits. He reports that they will be passing out additional information at the conference. He also reports that the requested response has been submitted to Lori Beckwith with the Army Corp. of Engineers, and that he has not heard back as of yet. He submits a copy of the response to the Chair. He also states that he has heard back from DENR and the water quality permit has been granted. He says that this permit goes hand in hand with the 404 permit. He states that the geotech report for other sites has been moving forward and that the final changes to plans for the geotech report is ready to submit.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Member Haithcock states the budget is in the black and that he needs to do a budget amendment in order to put dollars into the maintenance line item to pay for spring mowing and maintenance of the grounds. Member Haithcock states that other than that the budget is in good shape. He has to present the budget to the commissioners in March. He states that his suggestion is to ask for forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars for the budget this year. If awarded, the budget will consist of this forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars and seven (\$7,000) dollars yearly from lease/rent payments. After further discussion Member Haithcock makes a motion to submit a budget request to Macon County for forty thousand (\$40,000) for the budget for FY 2010-2011. Member Corbin seconds this motion and it passes by unanimous consent.

OBSTRUCTION RELATED INSPECTION DISCUSSION: Mr. Rysdon states that the fence at the runway construction site shows up on the 5010 report as an obstruction. He states that the fence will be lowered two (2) feet during the actual runway extension construction, and that should take care of the problem.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Hoppe states that a portion of the fence needs to be repaired. One of the posts is askew. Member Haithcock will ask Mr. Ledford, Macon County

Maintenance to look at it. Chair Gregory asks Member Jenkins to speak with Conrad Burrell regarding having the DOT repair the entry bridge.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock, Secretary