

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

The Macon County Airport Authority holds its regularly scheduled meeting on March 25th, 2014 in its office at 1241 Airport Road, Franklin, North Carolina. All members with the exception of Member Jenkins, who is excused, are present. Also present are Eric Rysdon, Project Engineer; Joe Collins, Legal Counsel; Jim Tate, Macon County Commissioner; Teresa McDowell, Clerk; Neil Hoppe, airport FBO; Travis Tallent, Macon County News; and Bobby Coggins, Macon Media.com. Chair Gregory welcomes everyone present and calls the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD MARCH 25TH, 2014: 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: Eric Rysdon

- A. **Update on Runway Widening Project:** Mr. Rysdon states that he is compiling the paperwork that needs to be submitted to start the runway widening project construction phase and that the originals will be mailed tomorrow. He also reports that he will be meeting with the contractor in order to go over the work items on Tuesday, April 1st, 2014. He states that quality control staff and the W.K. Dickson construction inspector will also attend the meeting. He reports that a firm start date for construction will be coordinated at that time.
- B. **Update on Obstruction Lighting/Rotating Beacon Replacement/Repair:** Mr. Rysdon reports that the electrical engineering company who originally installed the lighting is no longer working in this area. Mr. Rysdon reports that he will obtain estimates from the contractor who will be doing the runway widening for replacement of lighting, and will also see what type of upgrades are now available for lighting of this type. He states that he is hopeful that the Division of Aviation will provide more funding for the lighting project, and that in the meantime, he and the contractor can trouble shoot to determine/repair immediate lighting problems.

Mr. Rysdon reports that surveys for each end of the airport have not been completed and that the cost of finishing the surveys will be included in the runway widening project, and is estimated at \$1200.00. He states that he will have the surveys completed ASAP.

Chair Gregory reports that he and Mr. Rysdon met with the newly hired DOA Project Engineer, Basil Yap. He states that Mr. Yap was very impressed with the airport and that he stated that he will help with future funding for projects as much as possible. Chair Gregory states that he discussed the lighting situation with Mr. Yap as well.

2014 BUDGET APPROVAL: Secretary/Treasurer Haithcock presents the budget request which will be presented to the Macon County Commissioners for approval. (Attached) He states that that the

authority is asking for a budget increase of \$9,000.00 based on the increase in landscaping, and building and property maintenance costs. After further discussion, Member Corbin makes a motion to authorize Chair Gregory to submit the budget as presented to the County Commissioners. Member Schmitt seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. Chair Gregory expresses the gratitude of the authority to Member Haithcock for his hard work on this matter.

REPORT ON ADVERTISING PROPOSAL: Chair Gregory states that Member Jenkins continues to work with Ms. Owens in connection to a potential advertising matter, which has been discussed in detail during a past airport authority meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

FBO Hoppe reports that one soffit light and one parking lot light are not working. FBO Hoppe also states that the fuel tanks are ready and are waiting on spring traffic.

There being no further business, Member Schmitt makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Corbin seconds the motion and it passes by unanimous consent. The meeting is adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Pete Haithcock